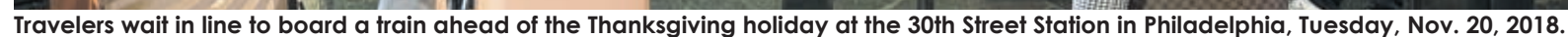


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A close-up photograph of a gourmet dish. The main components are several large, succulent shrimp, likely cooked in a butter or oil-based sauce, showing a golden-brown crust. They are arranged around a central portion of dark, textured sauce, possibly a chocolate or mushroom-based reduction. A vibrant yellow garnish, possibly a lemon slice or a decorative element, is placed in the foreground. The dish is elegantly plated on a white surface, with small black seeds or crumbs scattered around for garnish.

Roberts, Trump spar in extraordinary scrap over judges

By **MARK SHERMAN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and Chief Justice John Roberts clashed Wednesday in an extraordinary public dispute over the independence of America's judiciary, with Roberts bluntly rebuking the president for denouncing a judge who rejected his migrant asylum policy as an "Obama judge."

There's no such thing, Roberts declared in a strongly worded statement contradicting Trump and defending judicial independence. Never silent for long, Trump defended his own comment, tweeting defiantly, "Sorry Justice Roberts."

The pre-Thanksgiving dust-up was the first time that



In this Sept. 27, 2017 file photo, Chief Justice John Roberts speaks during the Bicentennial of Mississippi's Judiciary and Legal Profession Banquet in Jackson, Miss.

Associated Press

Roberts, the Republican-appointed leader of the federal judiciary, has offered even a hint of criticism of Trump, who has several times blasted fed-

eral judges who have ruled against him.

Before now, it has been highly unusual for a president to single out judges for personal criticism. And a

chief justice's challenge to a president's comments is downright unprecedented in modern times.

It seemed a fight that Trump would relish but one that Roberts has taken pains to avoid. But with Roberts' court feeling the heat over the president's appointment of Justice Brett Kavanaugh, Roberts and several of his colleagues have gone out of their way to rebut perceptions of the court as a political institution divided between five conservative Republicans and four liberal Democrats. Trump's appointments to the Supreme Court and lower federal courts have themselves spurred charges that the courts are becoming more politicized. As the justice widely seen as closest to the court's middle, Roberts could determine the outcome of high-profile cases that split the court.

The new drama began with remarks Trump made Tuesday in which went after a judge who ruled against his migrant asylum order. The president claimed, not for the first time, that the federal appeals court based in San Francisco was biased against him.

Roberts had refused to comment on Trump's earlier attacks on judges, including the chief justice himself. But on Wednesday, after a query by The Associated Press, he spoke up for the independence of the federal judiciary and rejected the notion that judges are loyal to the presidents who appoint them. "We do not have Obama judges or Trump judges, Bush judges or Clinton judges. What we have is an extraordinary group of dedicated judges doing their level best to do equal right to those appearing before them," Roberts said.

On the day before Thanksgiving, he concluded, "The independent judiciary is something we should all be thankful for."

Trump hit back from his resort home in Florida, questioning the independence of federal judges appointed by his predecessor and

confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He especially criticized judges on California's 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

If the 9th Circuit judges are independent, he said, "why are so many opposing view (on Border and Safety) cases filed there, and why are a vast number of those cases overturned. ... these rulings are making our country unsafe! Very dangerous and unwise!"

Trump has never been reticent about criticizing the judiciary. Last year, the president scorned the "so-called judge" who made the first federal ruling against his travel ban. During the presidential campaign, he criticized Roberts himself for the chief justice's decisive vote in 2012 to preserve President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Trump also referred to an Indiana-born judge of Mexican descent, who was presiding over a fraud lawsuit against Trump University, as a Mexican who would be unable to rule fairly because of Trump's proposal to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border.

The president's remarks on Tuesday came when a reporter asked for his reaction to a ruling by U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar in San Francisco that put the administration's asylum policy on hold. Under that new policy, Trump declared no one could apply for asylum except at an official border entry point. That tends to back migrants up for weeks if not months. A number of migrants remain in Tijuana after traveling in a caravan to reach the U.S.

Trump complained that his opponents file lawsuits in courts that are part of California's liberal-leaning 9th Circuit. It's not unusual for those challenging a president's policies to sue in courts they consider likely to back their claims. Conservative groups tended to bring challenges to Obama-era policies in Texas, part of the conservative-leaning 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. □



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Trump grants poultry pardons to turkeys Peas and Carrots

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an annual Thanksgiving tradition, President Donald Trump used the power of his office Tuesday to save a pair of meaty turkeys from the holiday table.

But Trump jokingly warned a 39-pound bird named Peas and a 41-pound companion named Carrots that, while they are free to live, they may still have to answer to Democrats, who assume control of the House in January and have promised to investigate the president's actions and business dealings.

The White House held an online contest to determine which bird should be pardoned. Trump identified the "lucky bird" as Peas.

"This was a fair election," joked the president, whose wife, first lady Melania Trump, joined him for the act of mercy in the White House Rose Garden. "Unfortunately, Carrots refused to concede and demanded a recount, and we're still fighting with Carrots. But I will tell you, we've come to a conclusion, Carrots. I'm sorry to tell you, the result did not change. That's too bad for Carrots."

Trump pardoned both gobblers, who will be sent to Virginia Tech to be cared for by poultry science and veterinary students.

"I have warned them that House Democrats are likely to issue them both subpoenas," he said. "Unfortunately, I can't guarantee that your pardons won't



President Donald Trump gives "Peas" a National Thanksgiving Turkey, a pardon during a ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House, in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, as Jeff Sveen, chairman of the National Turkey Federation, watches.

Associated Press

Fair weather, falling gas prices help Thanksgiving travelers

From Front

By The Associated Press

Mild weather and falling gasoline prices are helping Thanksgiving travelers get where they're going while saving a few bucks.

Airports around the country were busy Wednesday, leading to more than 1,500 delayed flights by early afternoon on the East Coast. Only about 75 flights were canceled, however, with about 40 of those in San Francisco, according to tracking service FlightAware. "It has been a good day so far. The weather has been very cooperative," said American Airlines spokesman Ross Feinstein. "It's busy, but this Sunday and Monday will be busier travel days for us."

Holiday revelers traveling by car were able to take advantage of a big decline in gasoline prices caused by lower oil prices. The nationwide average pump price on Wednesday was \$2.60 a gallon, down 25 cents from a month ago.

"We will see the national average go lower because there are still drops in the pipeline," said GasBuddy analyst Patrick DeHaan.

He estimated that U.S. motorists are spending \$100 million less each day on gasoline than they were a month ago.

AAA is forecasting the busiest Thanksgiving travel period since 2005. Most people who will travel at least 50 miles from home are going by car, according to the auto club. AAA spokesman Robert Sinclair credited a strong economy and rising consumer confidence, "and when we have a little time built into our schedules, we take advantage of it." Much of the country was blessed with mild weather, but that was expected to change in some areas. Rain was moving in along the West Coast, contributing to delays in places including San Francisco, where the Federal Aviation Administration said arriving flights were running nearly two hours late on average. In the Northeast, frigid temperatures were forecast for Thanksgiving Day, although the holiday itself is traditionally a light travel day.

Aside from the weather, American Airlines airport kiosks were knocked offline briefly on Wednesday morning. □

be enjoined by the Ninth Circuit." That was a reference to the San Francisco-based federal appeals court that has overturned some of Trump's actions. Turning serious, Trump said Thanksgiving "is a time for Americans to unite together in a spirit of love, under-

standing, unity and joy as one very proud American family." He said all "American hearts" are joined with those affected by the devastating California wildfires. Trump also gave thanks for the "men and women who protect our families and who protect our flag"

and for service members stationed overseas. President George H.W. Bush established the annual turkey pardon tradition in 1989 by sparing a 50-pound bird. Trump flew to his Florida estate later Tuesday to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with family. □

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As number of GOP women in Congress dips, party seeks answers

By **ALAN FRAM**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — For congressional Republicans, this month's elections ushered in the year of the woman — literally. West Virginia's Carol Miller will be the only Republican woman entering the 435-member House as a newcomer in January. She'll join what may be the chamber's smallest group of female GOP lawmakers since the early 1990s — as few as 13 of at least 199 Republicans. Democrats will have at least 89.

Numbers like those have Republicans searching for answers to the glaring gender disparity in their ranks — and fast. The concern is that Democrats' lopsided edge among women



In this Nov. 15, 2018, file photo, Rep.-elect Carol Miller, R-W.Va., walks to a session during member-elect briefings and orientation on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

voters could carry over to 2020, when President Donald Trump will be seeking a second term and House and Senate control will be in play. If the current trend continues, Republicans risk

being branded the party of men.

"You will see a very significant recruiting effort occur" for women candidates, said David Winston, a pollster who advises GOP

congressional leaders. "It's a natural conclusion. An environment has got to be created where that can be a success."

Evidence of the GOP gender gap was just as clear in the 100-member Senate, where Tennessee Rep. Marsha Blackburn will be the only Republican freshman. If Mississippi Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith wins a runoff later this month there will be record-setting seven GOP women in the Republican-run Senate. But even that record is less than half the class of 17 Democratic women, which includes two freshmen.

The search for answers leads to some familiar places. President Donald Trump's fraught history with women, combined with the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment, helped motivate Democratic women to seek office but did not appear to have the same effect with GOP women, politicians and analysts say. More broadly, the president's brash style doesn't sit well with many women voters or potential candidates.

"Women don't like the tweets," said Sarah Chamberlain, president of the Republican Main Street Partnership, a moderate GOP group. "I don't know how to tone down the rhetoric. If I could have a fantasy, one wish, that would be my one wish."

Women backed Democratic candidates over Republicans on Election Day by a telling 57 percent to 41 percent, according to AP VoteCast, a wide-ranging survey of the electorate conducted by The Associated Press. Women broke by similar margins in the crucial suburbs, where Democratic victories in swing districts helped pow-

er the gains they needed to win House control. Men supported Republicans over Democrats, 51 percent to 46 percent.

Strategists note the issue isn't just about current personalities; it's about party infrastructure.

"We as a party have to make recruiting women candidates who can win a high priority," said Andrea Bozek, spokeswoman for Winning for Women, a fledgling GOP group that tries bolstering female Republican candidates. She added, "Unless people in leadership really make it a priority, I don't think it will happen." A record number of women ran for the House as major-party candidates this year. But Democrats outnumbered Republicans by nearly 3 to 1, according to AP data, and Democratic women were more likely to win their primaries.

Of those contenders who ran in November, 183 were Democrats, the most ever, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. Fifty-two were Republicans, a near-record but a fraction of female Democrats running.

That partisan imbalance was aggravated by Democrats' superior campaign infrastructure for helping women candidates.

Winning for Women, created in early 2017, says it spent more than \$1 million helping women candidates for the recent election. That and other GOP groups assisting women candidates couldn't match Democrats' 33-year-old Emily's List, a well-financed organization that poured tens of millions into primaries and general elections and provided recruiting, training and other services to female candidates. □

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Sheriff supports armed teachers to stop school shooters

By **TERRY SPENCER**

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)

— The sheriff leading the state commission investigating Florida's high school massacre says he now believes trained, volunteer teachers should have access to guns so they can stop shooters who get past other safeguards.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, chairman of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, said he will ask the panel to recommend state law be changed so teachers who undergo background checks and extensive training will be allowed to have guns on campus as a last line of defense. It's a proposal that both the state teachers union and PTA oppose.

Gualtieri told The Associated Press this week he long believed only law enforcement personnel should carry guns at school, but his position "morphed" after studying other shootings and watching security video of the Feb. 14 Stoneman Douglas attack, which left 14 students and three staff members dead.

He said it "gnaws" at him that suspect Nikolas Cruz stopped firing five times to reload his AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, but no teacher or other school employee could use those pauses to shoot Cruz. The athletic director and a coach, both unarmed, died trying to stop Cruz and at least one teacher minutes later would have had a clear shot.



In this June 7, 2018 file photo Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission chair and Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri gestures as he speaks during a commission meeting in Sunrise, Fla.

Meanwhile, video shows the Broward County sheriff's deputy assigned to the school drew his gun but stayed outside. By the time other law enforcement arrived, the final fatal shots had been fired.

"We know from the history of these things that the majority are stopped by school personnel," Gualtieri said, pointing to shootings where the gunman was tackled or disarmed by a teacher or campus employee. "People need to keep an open mind to it as the reality is that if someone else in that school had a gun it could have saved kids' lives."

After the shooting, Florida law was changed to allow school districts to train

and arm employees other than teachers, including administrators, librarians and custodians. Teachers are barred unless they are former or current police officers, current members of the military or Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructors. Thirteen of the state's 67 countywide districts adopted the program, mostly in rural parts of the state.

Currently, teachers in 28 states can carry firearms, according to the Crime Prevention Research Center, a conservative non-profit organization.

District approval is required in most states and restrictions and training requirements vary.

Both the Florida Education Association, which is the state teachers union, and the Florida PTA oppose arming teachers, saying having more guns on campus will make schools more dangerous, not less.

"Teachers should not be acting as armed security guards. The majority of our members don't want to be armed — they know it would be impractical and dangerous," union spokeswoman Joni Branch said. Angie Gallo, the state PTA's legislation chair, said only law enforcement should carry guns on campus.

"Teachers need to teach," Gallo said. "Their job is not to secure our schools. It is not to shoot at shooters."

Other members of Gualtieri's commission, including Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd, have expressed support for arming teachers, although it is unclear if a majority agrees.

The 15 panel members appointed by Gov. Rick Scott and legislative leaders include law enforcement, education and mental health professionals, a legislator and the fathers of two slain students.

The panel, which has been meeting periodically since April, must file its initial report to Scott, incoming Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Legislature by Jan. 1. It will consider proposals for adoption at its mid-December meeting.

Other proposed recommendations include preventing outside attacks by limiting and staffing entrances; allowing all school employees to order a lockdown; improving campus communication systems; and tightening laws governing the assessment of students who may pose a threat. For law enforcement, the proposals include giving officers clear orders that they must confront active shooters, even if they are alone, and making sure first responders from different agencies have radios that can quickly be programmed to communicate with each other.

Cruz, now 20, has pleaded not guilty, but his lawyers have said he would plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. □

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State says 'I Love NY' signs have been removed by deadline

By CHRIS CAROLA
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The tug-of-war between New York officials and the federal government over hundreds of New York interstate highway tourism signs officially ended Wednesday, the deadline for the state to remove most of the signage or risk losing millions of dollars in transportation funding. The more than 500 "I Love NY" signs posted along the Thruway system and other highways had been the focus of a yearslong spat between the Federal Highway Administration, which said they were illegal, and Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who said they were a key component in boosting the state's \$100 billion tourism industry. The federal agency initially

said it would withhold \$14 million in highway funding from New York if the state didn't remove the signs by the end of the federal fiscal year on Sept. 30. Under an agreement worked out before then, the state had to remove the last four signs in each five-sign grouping by Nov. 21, but could retain the first sign in each group, with modifications.

The four follow-up signs in each group are being repositioned at welcome centers, highway rest areas and Thruway travel plaza across the state, state DOT officials said.

Each group of five signs included a large "motherboard" followed by four smaller signs, each touting a different sector of the state's tourism industry: attractions, history, food and beverages, and outdoor

recreation.

The signs cost New York taxpayers more than \$8 million to make and install. They began being installed in 2014, despite federal officials warning the Cuomo administration that the signage didn't comply with regulations and posed a potentially dangerous distraction to drivers because they contained too much information.

State DOT officials disputed the federal government's claims, saying there was no evidence they directly contributed to any accidents. During his successful cam-



In this Nov. 29, 2016, file photo, a truck passes a sign proclaiming "I Love New York" and marketing other state attractions on the New York State Thruway in Utica, N.Y.

Associated Press

paign for a third term in office, Cuomo was criticized by Republicans for spending millions on signs the fed-

eral government deemed illegal and risking millions more by not taking them down as directed. □

Fiery rush-hour Brooklyn Bridge crash kills 1, closes span

NEW YORK (AP) — An auto wreck on the Brooklyn Bridge killed one person Wednesday and sparked a fire that engulfed three vehicles and cut off a key New York City artery at the start of the morning commuting rush on one of the busiest travel days of the year. The fiery 7 a.m. crash on the Brooklyn-bound side of the bridge sent a column of black smoke rising above the landmark span. Motorists blocked by the wreck got out their cars to watch a swarm of firefighters work to extinguish the blaze. Fire officials said six people were injured in addition to the person killed. The entire bridge was closed to traffic for about an hour. Major traffic tie-ups continued to spill onto surrounding roads as it was reopened, beginning with the Manhattan-bound lanes. Photographs posted by bystanders on social media showed the charred hulks of three vehicles and a fourth a few strides away with body damage. □

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Merkel rebuffs German nationalists over migration pact

By **FRANK JORDANS**

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Chancellor Angela Merkel on Wednesday rejected calls from nationalist lawmakers for Germany to drop its support for a U.N.-backed agreement on migration.

Several countries — including the United States, Hungary, Austria, Israel, Australia and Poland — have announced they won't back the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, set to be approved next month in Marrakech, Morocco.

Speaking during parliament's annual budget debate in Berlin, Merkel told lawmakers that the pact would ensure "reasonable conditions" elsewhere that already exist in Germany, such as the right for migrants to access health services and get financial support.

"That's why it's in our national interest that the conditions around the world, for refugees on the one hand and migrants on the other, are improved," Merkel said. Opposition to the pact has



From left, German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz and German Chancellor Angela Merkel attend a meeting of the German federal parliament, Bundestag, at the Reichstag building in Berlin, Germany, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018.

come mainly from the far-right Alternative for Germany party, but a number of lawmakers from Merkel's own party have also begun to question the agreement. Health Minister Jens Spahn called recently for a broader debate about the pact and, if necessary, for a delay in approving it. Spahn appears to be trailing other

high-profile candidates in a bid to succeed Merkel as leader of her Christian Democratic Union party next month.

One of the leading contenders, Friedrich Merz, called Wednesday night for a clarification that the U.N. pact won't create any new grounds for asylum "through the back door."

At an event in eastern Germany with the other candidates, Merz also advocated a wider discussion on how the right to asylum in Germany is defined.

Merkel, who has announced she won't run for a fifth term in 2021, said the migration pact is an example of the way in which global problems can only

be solved through international cooperation.

Amid a rise in nationalist sentiment around the world, Merkel has become one of the most vocal defenders of multilateralism, frequently noting that Germany owes its revival after World War II to institutions such as the European Union and United Nations.

Presenting her government's 356 billion-euro (\$407-billion) budget for 2019, Merkel cited plans to invest more in care for children and the elderly, improve integration of migrants, raise pension levels and boost renewable energy.

Alternative for Germany's co-leader, Alice Weidel, earlier accused Merkel's government of spending "without thinking about tomorrow."

Weidel used much of her speech to defend her party over its receipt of foreign donations and accuse rivals of having similarly dubious sources of income.

Merkel didn't respond to Weidel's comments about party funding. □

Associated Press

Amnesty to expand probe of US-led campaign in Syria's Raqqa

By **SARAH EL DEEB**

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Amnesty International said Wednesday it's enlisting the help of thousands of online activists to speed up its investigation into the U.S.-led campaign that drove Islamic State militants from their self-styled capital of Raqqa but left the Syrian city in ruins.

The London-based rights group said the new phase of its investigation enables thousands of online activists, using satellite imagery of the city, to map out the destruction over the four-month campaign, which ended in October 2017.

The U.N. estimates that more than 10,000 buildings were destroyed— or 80 percent of the city. Amnesty's Strike Tracker campaign, in partnership with Airwars, would help narrow down when and where co-



In this Thursday, April 5, 2018, file photo, a Syrian man stands between buildings destroyed last summer during fighting between the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces fighters and Islamic State militants, in Raqqa, Syria.

alition air and artillery strikes destroyed buildings.

Amnesty hopes to compel the U.S.-led coalition fighting the Islamic State group to take greater responsibility and conduct its own investigation into the deaths of hundreds of civilians.

The coalition says it worked

to avoid civilian casualties in Raqqa. Col. Sean Ryan, a spokesman for the coalition, said it is "always willing to review if new evidence is reported." Amnesty said the scale of devastation in Raqqa is "too large" for its teams to do it alone.

By enlisting thousands of

activists for the month-long project, Amnesty said it can save years of work by a small team of researchers processing endless amount of data. "The Strike Tracker asks people around the world to join us to analyze one building at a time and establish when it was destroyed in a strike," said Milena Marin, senior adviser on Amnesty's Crisis Response team. The data would then be corroborated with other evidence, such as videos and strike and casualty reports.

"We are hoping to build a comprehensive picture of what happened last year and with the evidence to advocate the coalition, to again, admit responsibility in their operations," she said. In an earlier phase of Amnesty's investigation inside Raqqa, the group provided new evidence that compelled the coalition to

acknowledge 77 civilian deaths. In total, the coalition has acknowledged 104 civilian deaths from the hard-fought campaign.

"With bodies still being recovered from the wreckage and mass graves more than a year later, this is just the tip of the iceberg," said Marin. Some 2,500 bodies have been pulled from the rubble and uncovered in mass graves, and searches are still underway. Amnesty suspects hundreds of civilians died in the campaign. Amnesty hopes to publish results of the research early next year.

Raqqa was the capital of the Islamic State group's self-styled caliphate, which once encompassed a third of Syria and Iraq. In recent years the group has been driven from virtually all the territory it once controlled, and holds just a few small, remote pockets in Syria. □



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Greece: Creditors approve U-turn on pension cuts



An elderly man smokes a cigar during a rally in Athens, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018. Hundreds of pensioners protested demanding a return of funds lost as part of austerity measures.

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By DEREK GATOPOULOS

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Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's bailout creditors have approved a request by the country to scrap pension cuts planned in 2019 after the country delivered a strong budget performance. In a report published Wednesday, the European Commission said the previously agreed cuts were no longer considered necessary for Greece to meet a primary budget surplus of 3.5 percent before debt servicing costs. "The Greek authorities plan to implement a freeze in pensions until 2022, but they will not proceed with the pension cuts," the report said.

The government tabled a final version of the 2019 budget to parliament Wednesday after getting the nod from lenders.

According to the draft budget, the country's mammoth debt will decline from 180.4 percent of annual output this year to 167.8 percent next year — a drop from 335 to 323 billion euros (\$382 billion to \$368 billion). More than two thirds of the debt is owed

to Greece's European bailout creditors and the International Monetary Fund though much of it is due for years following a debt relief package agreed earlier this year. Greece ended its third straight international bailout in August but has not returned to markets partly as a result of the turmoil created by the budget standoff in Italy and a financial crisis in Turkey.

Though the country has no immediate need to raise money from markets due to a cash buffer provided by creditors, it wouldn't be cheap if it wanted to — the market interest rate on Greece's 10-year bond stands at a relatively high 4.7 percent.

Commission Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis congratulated Greece for submitting its draft budget "for

the first time" within an EU framework that came out of the region's debt crisis.

The budget provides for a primary surplus of almost 4 percent of GDP this year, and 3.6 percent in 2019. Greece has to achieve high surpluses for decades to be able to pay off its debts.

Dombrovskis said the Greek budget is considered as "compliant" with the sta-

bility and growth pact, the bloc's budget rulebook.

The response from creditors is a fillip to the government of left-wing Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras which is trailing rival conservatives in opinion polls ahead of a general election next year. The government has promised to spend up to 900 million euros (\$1 billion) from cash generated by its budget over performance on

tax-relief and welfare programs in 2019, but unions are angry that austerity measures are set to continue for years after Greece's bailout exit.

The umbrella union GSEE called Wednesday on its members to join a general strike on Nov. 28, to demand the end of bailout-era wage cuts and emergency taxes on income and property. □

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UAE sentences British academic to life in prison for spying

By **DANICA KIRKA**
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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A British academic was sentenced to life in prison on Wednesday in the United Arab Emirates on charges that he was spying for the U.K. — a verdict that Britain described as shocking as it urged its Mideast ally to reconsider the decision.

Matthew Hedges, a 31-year-old PhD student in Middle Eastern Studies at Durham University, was arrested at Dubai Airport on May 5 and has been held in detention since.

Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt had travelled to the UAE last week and discussed the case with Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed and Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed. He described the situation as "unacceptable."

Hedges can challenge the ruling within 30 days.

"Today's verdict is not what we expect from a friend and trusted partner of the United Kingdom and runs contrary to earlier assurances," Hunt said in a statement which underscored



This undated family handout photo shows Matthew Hedges with his wife Daniela Tejada.

Associated Press

his surprise at the decision. The harsh verdict is unusual for a British national in the UAE who is not accused of a violent crime.

The emirates of Abu Dhabi

and Dubai are home to large numbers of British nationals who work in a range of positions, from top management jobs and public relations to teaching and

athletics. Ties between Britain and the seven emirates of the UAE run deep, dating back more than 200 years. The British were among the first contracted to help build the UAE's infrastructure after oil was discovered there in the early 1960s and retain a multimillion dollar arms trade.

The Muslim country on the eastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula prides itself on being tolerant of foreigners, and of being tourist-friendly. But British nationals have run afoul of local customs and laws, which prohibit public intoxication, kissing in public and cursing at someone — which can all lead to arrest and deportation.

The Federal Appeals Court of Abu Dhabi said Hedges was found guilty of "spying on the UAE and providing sensitive security and intelligence information to third parties."

Local papers say police secured evidence of his activities from Hedges' electronic devices and surveillance by Emirati intelligence.

Durham University, meanwhile, said that there was

no reason to believe Hedges "was conducting anything other than legitimate academic research."

The UAE has come under criticism for its vast surveillance network. While it helps to track down criminals quickly and keeps the country among the safest in the world, the network has also been used to go after critics and those conducting sensitive research. Rights organizations and some academics have been barred from the country and stopped from conducting research on the conditions of laborers from countries such as India and Nepal who build high-rise towers and sprawling malls in Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

A number of faculty and students at New York University have reportedly been barred from entering the UAE for work deemed critical of the government, despite the university having a campus in Abu Dhabi. Human Rights Watch said Hedges was detained at Dubai International Airport as he was preparing to leave the country following two weeks in the UAE. □

Kosovo sets tariffs on Serbia, Bosnia as ties strain

By **LLAZAR SEMINI**
Associated Press

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Kosovo's government says it will put a 100-percent import tax on all goods imported from Serbia and Bosnia as diplomatic tensions rise.

Wednesday's decision appears to be retaliation against what Deputy Prime Minister Enver Hoxhaj said was Serbia's "aggressive campaign against Kosovo on the international stage." A day earlier, Kosovo failed to join Interpol because of what it claimed was campaigning by Serbia.

"That was a very aggressive stand from Serbia," Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj told a news conference.

The tariffs come into force immediately. They don't apply to international brands produced in the



In this photo provided by the Kosovo government public affairs office, showing Kosovo Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj, center back, with his cabinet voting during the government meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018, in Kosovo capital Pristina.

Associated Press

two neighboring countries. Haradinaj said that Serbia and Bosnia had never respected the Central European Free Trade Agreement, or CEFTA, rules in trade relations with Kosovo, causing significant financial losses.

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic called a meeting of the national security council, Serbia's top security body, to address the issue. He said after the meeting that Kosovo's move amounted to a de-facto trade ban, but that Serbia won't retaliate.

"The consequences could be catastrophic and destructive for relations in the entire region," said Vucic, urging international pressure on Kosovo to revoke the decision. "This has to stop, there is no other option." □



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South Korean named Interpol president in blow to Russia

By AYA BATRAWY
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Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Interpol elected a South Korean as the organization's president on Wednesday, edging out a veteran of Russia's security services who was strongly opposed by the United States, Britain and other European nations.

Kim Jong Yang's surprise election was seen as a victory for the White House and its European partners, who had lobbied up until the final hours before the vote against Alexander Prokopchuk's bid to be named the policing organization's next president.

The U.S. and others expressed concern that if Russia's candidate had been elected, that would have led to further Kremlin abuses of Interpol's red notice system to go after political opponents and fugitive dissidents.

Russia accused its critics of running a "campaign to discredit" its candidate, calling Prokopchuk a respected professional.

Groups campaigning to clean up Interpol celebrated the win, as did South Korea. South Korea's police and Foreign Ministry issued a joint statement saying Kim's election is a "national triumph" that could elevate the country's international standing.

Kim's win also means he secured at least two-thirds of votes cast at Interpol's general assembly in Dubai on Wednesday. Interpol does not release how member



In this Jan. 23, 2018, photo, Kim Jong Yang, the senior vice president of Interpol executive committee, speaks during a press conference in Changwon, South Korea.

Associated Press

states voted or how many votes Kim received. He will serve until 2020, completing the four-year mandate of his predecessor, Meng Hongwei, who was detained in China as part of a wide anti-corruption sweep there.

Kim, a police official in South Korea, served as interim president after Meng's detention and was also senior vice president at Interpol.

Russia's Interior Ministry said after the vote that Prokopchuk, one of three vice presidents at Interpol, will remain in that position. Spokeswoman Irina Volk told the Interfax news agency that Prokopchuk will "focus on advancing the stature of Interpol in the international police com-

munity and making its work more effective."

Most of Interpol's 194 member-countries attended the organization's annual assembly this year, held in an opulent Dubai hotel along the Persian Gulf coast.

Interpol had faced a pivotal moment in its history as delegates decided whether to hand its presidency to Prokopchuk or Kim, the only two candidates for the post.

Interpol Secretary General Jurgen Stock told reporters in Dubai later on Wednesday that a president's nationality does not affect the organization's neutrality.

"It is fundamental to Interpol's existence that we are neutral and that we are independent," he said.

Based in the French city of

Lyon, the 95-year-old policing body is best known for issuing "red notices" that identify suspects pursued by other countries, effectively putting them on the world's "most-wanted" list. Interpol's rules prohibit the use of police notices for political reasons.

In 2016, Interpol introduced new measures aimed at strengthening the legal framework around the red notice system, including bringing on an international team of lawyers and experts that first check a notice's compliance with Interpol rules and regulations before it goes out. Interpol also says it enhanced the work of an appeals body for those targeted with red notices.

However, countries can is-

sue requests — known as "diffusions" — that flag a person wanted for arrest before Interpol reviews the notice, leading to what critics say is a major flaw and loophole in the system. "We accept the fact that systems can be improved and recognize that a very small number of non-compliant red notices can seriously affect the lives of innocent citizens," Stock said. Stock said that red notices and diffusions have helped lead to the arrest of 10,000 serious criminals this year alone, nearly 200 of them suspected terrorists.

Critics say countries like Russia, Turkey, Egypt, Iran and China have used the system to try to round up political opponents, journalists or activists.

Interpol faced criticism two years ago when its member states approved Meng as president for a four-year term. Amnesty International has criticized "China's longstanding practice of trying to use Interpol to arrest dissidents and refugees abroad."

Still, member countries can issue requests directly to other countries using Interpol's communication system, without going through the centralized Interpol vetting in place for red notices. Watchdog groups are urging Interpol to reform the diffusion system too.

Bill Browder, who runs an investment fund that had once operated in Moscow, says Russia used the diffusion system against him, which led to his brief arrest in Spain earlier this year. □

Italy woman volunteering with Kenya kids kidnapped by gunmen

By TOM ODULA
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Gunmen firing indiscriminately into a coastal trading center kidnapped an Italian woman and wounded several other people in the first kidnapping of a foreigner in Kenya in several years, authorities and witnesses said Wednesday. Silvia Costanza Romano, a 23-year-old volunteer working with Kenyan students, had begged for help before she was violently taken away by the attackers who stormed the Chakama trading center on the coastal county of Kilifi at around 8 p.m. on Tuesday, police and witnesses said. Romano, who studied linguistic mediation in Milan, had told friends back home how happy she had been in Kenya and had planned to stay at least until the end of the year because she felt enriched "like never before in my life." Five people were wounded in the attack, including three children, said Kenya's police chief, Joseph Boinnet. The motive for the abduction isn't clear and the identity of the attackers is not yet known, he said. Romano had been working for the Italian-based humanitarian group Africa Milele, according to Boinnet and Italy's foreign ministry. The gunmen came looking for a white woman, ac-



Villagers look up as a Kenyan police helicopter flies above the scene of an attack by gunmen who kidnapped an Italian volunteer, in the village of Chakama, in coastal Kilifi county, Kenya Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018.

Associated Press

cording to Ronald Kazungu Ngala, 19, who said he witnessed Romano's violent kidnapping. Ngala's high school education is being sponsored by Africa Milele and he had gone to the NGO's offices to present his grade 10 end of year report card to Romano, he said. He heard gunfire which prompted all the shops in the area to close and many people in the trading center to hide. At around 7.30 p.m. six men, some armed with guns and others with machetes and clubs stormed into the Milele offices and demanded to know where is the "mgeni" (Swahili for visitor).

"I told them she had left to go and get a power bank, but they didn't believe me and surged into the room where they found her," he said. Ngala said he followed them and heard one gunman ask the other if she is the one and when he was answered in the affirmative, he proceeded to "slap her very hard until she fell." "Ronald please, please! Ronald, please help," Romano said, according to Ngala. "I tried to push away a man who was smothering her while holding her down for her hands to be tied behind her back, but someone hit me in the head with a club and I got dizzy. She

told me to help myself and I ran for the man at the door with a club and pushed him away and escaped." He said two of the gunmen who were outside the room shot at onlookers. Ngala said the gunmen took Romano across the Galana River. He said the gunmen looked and spoke like members of a local herding community known as Orma. Many herding communities in Kenya that live near the border areas are armed to protect themselves against rivals, who may come across the border to steal their livestock. In one of her latest postings on Twitter, Romano said she was grateful to the kids she

was working with for showing her how to live without material things.

"These children, these people have taught me to live with no material things but with love, Joy, gratitude, smiles, sincere eyes ... and be happy in such simple way. Thank you Kenya, thank you Chakama. This has been the deepest experience of my Life," she said.

In Milan, where Romano lived, friends and her former employer said she had found fulfillment in Kenya and had even delayed a planned return to Italy.

"She told me about the beautiful people that she met, people who although they had nothing were always joyful, ready to smile at you," said Silvia Cirstaldi, a friend who worked at the Zero Gravity gym where Romano taught gymnastics. "This is what I think pushed her to go back."

Gym manager Francesco Pisani said he had heard from Romano in September, when she called to say she wouldn't be coming back as planned. He played for The Associated Press a WhatsApp audio file Romano sent him, where she said she has been offered a position through November or December.

"It has to do with what I have studied and anyway in these two months I found it very fascinating and I have felt really satisfied and happy inside," Romano said. "I feel as though it is the right decision for my future and it will enrich me a lot as it has in the past two months like never before in my life and well, big hugs and let me know."

Somali-based Islamic extremists have been blamed in the past for a spate of kidnappings of foreigners along Kenya's coast. Kenya said it was prompted to send troops to Somalia in 2011 to fight al-Shabab militants after the kidnappings of four foreigners.

One of the foreigners, a cancer-stricken quadriplegic Frenchwoman kidnapped off a Kenyan resort island, died in captivity in Somalia. □

Colombia tries quashing tensions at migrant camp with soccer



Venezuelan migrants celebrate a goal during a soccer match at their temporary camp in Bogota, Colombia, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018.

Associated Press

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian officials are hoping to help ease tensions at a Venezuelan migrant camp with a game both new arrivals and their hosts share a passion for: soccer.

Migrants faced off against Colombian humanitarian aid workers in a tournament Wednesday, two days after sixteen Venezuelans were expelled from the camp.

Authorities had accused the group of looting supplies, destroying tents and attacking police.

Migrants have said they are frustrated with food distribution at the camp and rules that forbid cooking. Colombia is home to over one million Venezuelans who have fled their country's economic and humanitarian crisis. The camp was built last week to accommodate migrants who had previously been living in tents made of plastic sheets and scrap materials outside the city's bus terminal. □

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the cook complete the team. "We have 15 to 20 clients approximately for the full day, together with the ones that have a job we are 40 to 50, of course not all at the same time." It is a built-up process whereas clients start with a couple of days and accumulate. Rumnit: "I have more requests than I can handle, therefore we could use support in many ways, and an incentive to companies for hiring our clients would also be more than desirable."

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The need of companies that open up to the foundations clients is significant. "A lot of hotels and companies already cooperate, it is



not always easy but very rewarding. Social responsibility is a part of society, we must never forget." The clients usually stay home alone, do not have many friends and in most cases depend on family. Rumnit points out that there is a lack of insight and motivation of the caregivers. "Due to that the family often gets frustrated because of the non-understanding of the limitation. Plus they do not know where to turn to, often not directed by a house doctor to the right organizations." In 2010 there were 7.000 people with a limitation on Aruba, where are they, he wonders. Every month there is taking place an amputation of an arm or leg in the hospital, but we do not know about these people. Most are live isolated or hidden because of the taboo and the shame of the family.

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The American holiday is particularly rich in legend and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. With respect to vehicular travel, the holiday is often the busiest of the year, as family members gather with one another. Aruba Today received two beautiful messages from readers that we share with you in our newspaper. We thank you for your contribution and to all readers for your support. Happy Thanksgiving! ☐



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NOORD — ``Our first stop on Aruba is Fishes & More restaurant in the Arawak Garden', say George and Linda from Michigan. ``The restaurant has the best fish soup on the island, the best food and the best service.' Their glowing comments include Fishes & More's Alex ('he is the best'). George and Linda fly down on a yearly basis to celebrate their wedding anniversary, so they know what they are talking about.

So when you are going to try this fish soup, find Fishes & More across from the Barceló Resort on the hi-rise strip. The Arawak Garden is a cozy place with lots of great restaurants, live music and kiosks for night-time shopping. A piano bar is around the corner for the 'one-for-the-road' drinks afterwards. □



High Level Caribbean Networking at the Arubahuis a Great Success!

THE HAGUE — Caribbean Business Hub held a successful networking event once again in the beautiful hall of the Arubahuis (Embassy of Aruba) in The Hague with the theme of Opportunities in Leisure and Agriculture. The attendance was excellent and the guests were received in a welcoming and tropical atmosphere.

The organization was arranged by Mr. Roy Hart, Senior Advisor Economic Acquisition, and the evening was supervised by Mr. Sidney Kock, information officer of Arubahuis. Nico de Visser, chairman of Caribbean Business Hub, presented the network organization CBH to the present entrepreneurs, senior officials, parliamentarians and project developers. This was followed by Mr. Besaril, Minister Plenipotentiary Aruba, who emphasized that the government of Aruba wants to stimulate the primary sector, the SME sector. In addition to Tourism, there are also opportunities in the areas of Water Supply, Energy and Logistics. The circular economy theme is high on the agenda. Mr. Westra of PRIVA subsequently gave an interesting presentation of the possibilities to regulate the climate in the agriculture and living environment in such a



way that the environment is less taxed and the yield is increased. In Aruba and the Antilles, we are working hard to solve the problem of water shortages and too high temperatures. PRIVA is leading in this field in the world, from China to Canada and South America. Pieter van Loon, international architect at EuroLandscape, has argued on the basis of the example of the Coral Estate project on Curacao that successful Leisure projects can be realized in places that are less obvious. By designing from the local power of the environment and solving obstacles in the infra-

structure, you can achieve success and thus provide the community with a new source of employment. Through stimulating and beautiful photographs of villas and landscaping, he also showed the plan for Bonaire Park. An innovative and inclusive plan for a luxury park on the nature-friendly island, for which investors and stakeholders can still report. The last speaker was Mr. Vermeeren, coordinator RvO incentive schemes for the entire Kingdom. He proudly explained that RvO has been able to make the various incentive schemes available to entrepreneurs



on the islands during the past year. The first applications have been approved and there are still plenty of opportunities to use them. All information has been made accessible via the website and App. Lionel Martijn, secretary of Caribbean Business Hub, arranged for the closing of the presentations and called for networking. While enjoying typical Aruban snacks, old and new members have been able to network with each other. Various entrepreneurs are planning to do something on Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao or Sint Maarten. Germaine & Corinne Her-

nandez-Croes, founders of Caribbean Business Hub, together with Georgo Muller, new board member CBH, have given an interview for the Aruban television. They call on the Aruban and Caribbean entrepreneurs, investors and government agencies to join CBH and work together on the success of the Netherlands-Caribbean hub.

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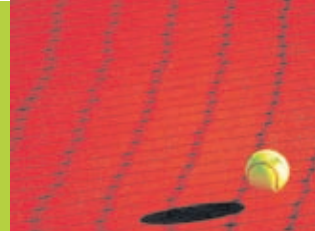
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SPORTS



Washington Wizards guard John Wall (2) goes to the basket past Los Angeles Clippers forward Montrezl Harrell (5) and forward Tobias Harris (34) during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, in Washington.

Associated Press

Wall, Beal, Green help Wizards rally past Clippers 125-118

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — John Wall scored 30, Bradley Beal had 27 and Jeff Green added 20 as the Washington Wizards rallied from 24 points down to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 125-118 on Tuesday night. Wall, Beal and Green each scored 10 in the fourth quarter as Washington outscored Los Angeles 39-23 to pull out the win. The Clippers led by 24 midway through the second quarter, but the Wizards cut the lead to 95-86 after three quarters and took a 115-113 lead on Wall's layup with 2:33 to play. Tobias Harris scored a season-high 29 points, Montrezl Harrell had 20, and Lou Williams and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander each added 17 for the Clippers, who had won five straight. Williams was ejected with 34.5 seconds to play.

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PAY DIRT

Oilers beat Sharks in Hitchcock's first game behind bench

Edmonton Oilers center Leon Draisaitl, from Germany, bottom left, celebrates with center Connor McDavid after scoring the winning goal as San Jose Sharks defenseman Marc-Edouard Vlasic, top, and goalie Martin Jones react during overtime of an NHL hockey game in San Jose, Calif., Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018.

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Over the moon: PGA announces new tournament in Japan

By **STEPHEN WADE**

AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — The PGA Tour will hold its first official tournament in Japan. And the main sponsor of next year's event, Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa, is describing it as a kind of "moonshot" for golf in his country.

Maezawa should know. The founder of the Japanese fashion website Zozotown, Maezawa was announced earlier this year as the first commercial passenger to attempt a flight around the moon.

"I think this will be the first PGA Tour sponsor that is going to the moon," he said through an interpreter Tuesday in announcing the tournament.

"I haven't decided who I will take to the moon with me yet. I would like to talk to many people with an open mind."

Japanese golfer Hideki Matsuyama was sitting alongside Maezawa during the media event at a central Tokyo hotel.

"I don't know whether he will ask me, but I would love to go (to the moon)," Matsuyama said.

The tournament, set for



From left, Japan Golf Tour Organization President Isao Aoki, ZOZO Inc. President Yusaku Maezawa, PGA Tour Player Hideki Matsuyama and PGA Tour Vice President Christian Hardy join their hands while posing for a photo during a press conference in Tokyo, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018.

Associated Press

Oct. 24-27, will be part of the PGA's swing through Asia along with stops in South Korea and China. The Japanese tournament replaces one in Malaysia. The PGA said it was a six-year deal, and driven partly by the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and golf's high profile there.

PGA officials said the Zozo Championship will have a purse of \$9.75 million with a field of 78 — plus 10 designated by the Japanese Tour, and eight others with

special exemptions. It will be played at the Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club in Chiba prefecture, just outside Tokyo.

Maezawa said he was a "5-handicap" golfer at his best, but said he may have slipped to a 9-handicap — also a high level for an amateur player.

"Finally this day has come," the 76-year-old Aoki said. "If I were younger, I'd like to play in a PGA tournament in Japan. I wish this day had come earlier." □



In this Friday, Oct. 19, 2018 file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers' Kevin Love, left, is double-teamed by Minnesota Timberwolves' Anthony Tolliver and Jeff Teague, right, in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

Cavs' All-Star forward Love could be out until "new year"

By **TOM WITHERS**

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cavaliers All-Star forward Kevin Love may not be back until sometime in 2019 following foot surgery.

Love had an operation on Nov. 2 to relieve pain and pressure in his big left toe, which he injured in the club's preseason opener. At the time, the team said Love would be out at least six weeks and his status would be updated in "approximately" when that period ended. On Tuesday, Love said in an interview on ESPN that he expects "to be back sometime after the new year." Love said he's going to in a restrictive boot for two more weeks.

"There's just no telling at this time with the weight-bearing injury what it is going to be like moving forward," he said.

Love's loss was a devastating blow for the reeling and rebuilding Cavs, who are a league-worst 2-13 heading into Wednesday's game against LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers.

A five-time All-Star, Love signed a four-year, \$120 million contract extension this summer. □

Court: Reds exempt from tax on promotional bobbleheads

By **DAN SEWELL**

Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Quoting the Cincinnati Reds' longtime play-by-play announcer, the Ohio Supreme Court declared Tuesday that "this one belongs to the Reds."

The state's high court ruled 5-2 that the Major League Baseball franchise is exempt from paying tax on the purchase of bobbleheads and other promotional items the team offers to ticket buyers.

The opinion written by Justice Patrick Fischer warned that the ruling was specific to the case and might not apply for other sports organizations.

But the Department of



Cincinnati Reds bobbleheads are posed for display, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018, in Cincinnati.

Associated Press

Taxation's chief legal counsel, Matt Chafin, said the decision essentially shows professional teams how to avoid the "use tax" on promotional items.

Reds spokesman Rob Butcher said the club is "happy with the outcome," but is still reviewing the opinion.

The department argued

the bobbleheads should be taxed because they're bought by the Reds as giveaways, not sold with tickets.

The Reds argued they're exempt because they resell the items as part of the ticket package and Ohio law exempts companies from paying tax on items they buy for resale.

Fischer, a Cincinnati resident, led off the opinion with a long summary of Ohio's role in baseball history beginning in 1869, when the Cincinnati Red Stockings became the first all-professional team.

There are references to Hall of Famers from Ohio including players Cy Young, Mike Schmidt and Barry Larkin,

to the 1975-76 "Big Red Machine" champions, and firsts such as Larry Doby of the Cleveland Indians becoming the first black American League player and to the first night game being played in Cincinnati. Then, in explaining the ruling, Fischer wrote that unlike a foul ball or a T-shirt shot into the stands (the Reds use a contraption nicknamed "Redzilla" to fire free T-shirts into the crowd) that fans have no expectation of receiving, they buy tickets for games that have been advertised as bobblehead games expecting to get the bobbleheads, which last season included All-Stars Joey Votto and Eugenio Suarez. □

NBA Capsules

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Washington, which improved to 6-11, won amid reports the team would listen to trade offers for Wall and Beal.

There were also reports that players argued in practice and that Wall had been fined for disrespectful behavior toward coach Scott Brooks.

RAPTORS 93, MAGIC 91

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Danny Green made a fade-away jumper with less than a second remaining to lift Toronto over Orlando.

Green caught Kyle Lowry's inbound pass with 2.3 seconds left, pulled up on the left side of the lane and hit a jumper with 0.5 seconds remaining.

Orlando's Nikola Vucevic missed on a 67-foot heave as time expired.

Kawhi Leonard led Toronto with 18 points, and Pascal Siakam had 15. Serge Ibaka added 14 points and nine rebounds, and Green

finished with 13.

Evan Fournier led the Magic with 27 points, 22 of them in the second half when he was about the only offense Orlando could generate. Aaron Gordon had 16 points, and Vucevic had 14 points and 18 rebounds for the Magic, who ended a three-game winning streak. Fournier drove past Green for a tying dunk with 2.3 seconds left.

The Raptors took a full timeout, and Green scored on the ensuing inbound.

TRAIL BLAZERS 118, KNICKS 114

NEW YORK (AP) — CJ McCollum scored 31 points, Damian Lillard had 29 points, eight assists and six rebounds, and Portland beat New York.

Portland's star guards provided most of the offense in a game that was close most of the way, and Evan Turner helped the Trail Blazers finally pull it out when he put back a missed shot with Portland clinging to



Toronto Raptors' Danny Green (14) celebrates his game winning shot against the Orlando Magic with teammate Pascal Siakam (43) in the final seconds of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, in Orlando, Fla.

Associated Press

a two-point lead and 9.5 seconds remaining. Jusuf Nurkic finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who have won two straight after dropping the first two games on their trip that now heads to its difficult conclusion. Portland plays Milwaukee on Wednesday and closes it

at Golden State.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 32 points for the Knicks, who dropped their sixth straight. They were a bit better than the previous games of the skid, when they yielded 126.2 points per game, but not good enough to stop the early Western Conference leaders.

NETS 104, HEAT 92

MIAMI (AP) — D'Angelo Russell scored 20 points, Jarrett Allen had 13 points and 14 rebounds, and Brooklyn added to Miami's misery at home.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 16 points for Brooklyn, which held the Heat to 36 percent shooting.

Joe Harris and DeMarre Carroll each added 11 for the Nets and Rondae Hollis-Jefferson scored 10.

Hassan Whiteside had 21 points and 23 rebounds for Miami, which dropped its fifth straight at home — all on their "Vice" themed court.

No Heat team has ever had a home losing streak of five or more games and went on to make the playoffs.

Josh Richardson scored 16 and Rodney McGruder finished with 15 for Miami.

Justise Winslow added 10 and Dwyane Wade returned from a seven-game absence because of the birth of his daughter to score five points. □

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Oilers top Sharks 4-3 in OT in Hitchcock's 1st game as coach

By **JOSH DUBOW**
AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) —

Connor McDavid and the Edmonton Oilers responded the right way to a wakeup call after coach Todd McLellan was fired just hours before they took the ice.

McDavid scored his 100th career goal and set up Leon Draisaitl's game-winner 51 seconds into overtime to give the Oilers a 4-3 victory against the San Jose Sharks in Ken Hitchcock's first game as coach Tuesday night.

"That's what it has to be," McDavid said. "Anytime you bring in a new coach, that's kind of the last option I would say before shipping everyone out. This is a chance for us to come together and turn this around."

The Oilers started that process by overcoming three deficits to earn just their second win in eight games. McDavid set up Drake Caggiula's tying goal early in the third period and then the winner in overtime when his pass ricocheted off defenseman Marc-Edouard Vlasic before hitting Draisaitl's skate and trickling past goalie Martin Jones.

"I was more worried that it was past my bedtime and I wasn't going to be able to stay up," Hitchcock said. "I don't think I've seen a third period all year out West. But for me, we just got better and better as the game went on.

We got better in the second; we were really good

in the third. We really got on the grind."

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins added a short-handed goal

gotten two points," coach Peter DeBoer said. "We didn't have enough participants tonight. We didn't

utes into the period.

"There are too many odd-man rushes," Couture said.

"It wasn't horrible tonight.



Edmonton Oilers goaltender Mikko Koskinen (19), from Finland, celebrates with left wing Drake Caggiula (91) and center Cooper Marody (65) in front of head coach Ken Hitchcock after beating the San Jose Sharks in overtime of an NHL hockey game in San Jose, Calif., Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018.

Associated Press

and Mikko Koskinen made 22 saves.

Joe Thornton assisted on Marcus Sorensen's goal in the first period to tie Mario Lemieux for 11th place all-time with his 1,033rd helper. Joonas Donskoi and Logan Couture also scored for San Jose.

"Tonight's a disappointing one because I thought if we had gotten a little bit better effort from everybody, from 20 guys, we should have

play well enough for long enough stretches. It wasn't one or two guys, it was almost everybody."

The Sharks took a 3-2 lead in the final minute of the second period when Couture deked Adam Larsson on the rush and beat Koskinen for his first goal in 11 games. But the Oilers responded early in the third when McDavid set up Caggiula on an odd-man rush for the equalizer less than four min-

utes into the period. It was better than it has been, but still too many. Especially when you are out there against Connor. You can't give them that many chances. He's their best player."

The Hitchcock era got off to a rough start for the Oilers, who allowed a goal in the opening minute when Donskoi was left alone in front of the net after a faceoff win by San Jose.

Brent Burns' shot from the

point was stopped by Koskinen, but Donskoi was able to backhand the rebound in.

McDavid got the equalizer midway through the period when he beat Burns down the slot to take a feed from Draisaitl and knocked it in for his milestone goal. McDavid reached the mark in his 230th game. Only Wayne Gretzky (145 games), Glenn Anderson (183) and Jari Kurri (214) got there faster for the Oilers.

Thornton then reached his milestone later in the period when he fed Sorensen from behind the goal line for a one-timer that beat Koskinen.

Edmonton tied the game early in the second when Nugent-Hopkins converted a 2-on-1 off a feed from Kyle Brodziak after the Sharks turned the puck over in the offensive zone on a power play.

"Obviously it says something about your team, that you need to start playing better," Nugent-Hopkins said. "We need to make a push here now. Our last eight or so games haven't been good enough. I felt tonight we responded well, so we just have to keep that going."

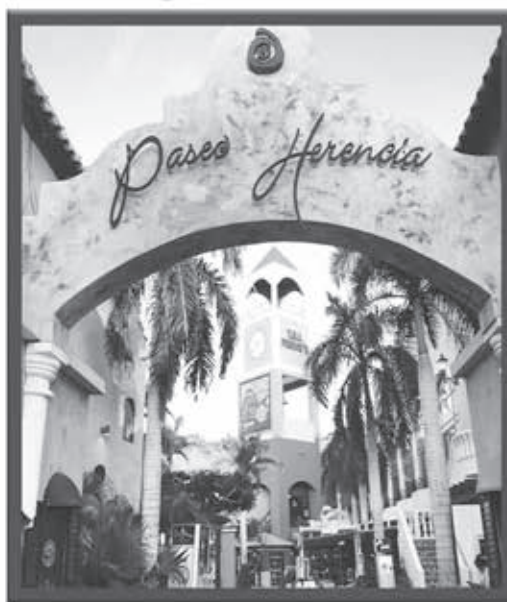
NOTES: McDavid has 31 points, becoming the first Oilers player to reach 30 in 21 or fewer games since Mark Messier did it in 19 games in 1989-90. ... Thornton needs seven assists to tie Marcel Dionne for 10th place. ... F Tomas Hertl returned to the Sharks lineup after missing two games with a lower-body injury. □

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McCoy comes home to Texas, seeking Redskins win over Cowboys

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Colt McCoy silenced his phone knowing he was coming back to his home state for his first NFL start in four years, in the stadium where he helped lead the Texas Longhorns to a shot at a national title as their star quarterback and where he last won a game as a pro.

The longtime Washington backup also knows what's most important as he takes over following Alex Smith's season-ending leg injury. The Redskins (6-4) can control the NFC East by beating the rival Dallas Cowboys (5-5) in the most traditional of Thanksgiving games Thursday. "I'm thankful for the opportunity, but I think it's even more than that," McCoy said. "It's time to just go play and put everything else aside. We have a huge game this week. It's a huge game." McCoy is 2-0 at AT&T Stadium, beating Nebraska for the 2009 Big 12 championship and a spot in the BCS championship game, which Texas lost to Alabama when McCoy got hurt early. The small-town Texas kid beat the Cowboys five years later, completing 25 of 30 passes for 299 yards in a 20-17 overtime win for the Redskins. He's 32 now, and hasn't started since the last of



In this Aug. 9, 2018 file photo Washington Redskins quarterback Colt McCoy passes against the New England Patriots during the first half of a preseason NFL football game in Foxborough, Mass. Associated Press

three straight defeats late in the 2014 season, a little more than a month removed from that win over the Cowboys. McCoy, a third-round pick by Cleveland in 2010 after that title-game loss to the Crimson Tide, has a career record of 7-18. McCoy is in his fifth year as Washington's backup and has played just four games over four seasons, including when he replaced Smith in the third quarter of Sunday's 23-21 loss to Houston. A potential winning drive stalled near midfield, and Dustin Hopkins' 63-yard field goal try fell short with 3 seconds left. "It's been a while since he's played in a significant game. That'll be the challenge," coach Jay Gruden said. "I know he's excited

as heck, man. He hated to get the opportunity the way he got it with Alex getting hurt. I understand that. But deep down inside, he's been waiting for this." Dallas running back Ezekiel Elliott has been waiting for another Thanksgiving game since he had to miss last year on his six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations. In his Thanksgiving debut against the Redskins two years ago as a rookie, he jumped into the giant Salvation Army red kettle after a touchdown in a 31-26 Dallas win. The Cowboys have a chance to tie the Redskins for the division lead thanks to their first winning streak of the season, a pair of victories on the road after they were winless in their first four

away from home. "We said this a couple weeks ago, though; we knew that the division was still in front of us," quarterback Dak Prescott said. "Our backs are still against the wall. We know what this game means. We know how important this game is."

BIG RETURNS

Washington could get a major boost if any combination of left tackle Trent Williams, running back Chris Thompson, wide receiver Jamison Crowder and cornerback Quinton Dunbar can return from lengthy injury absences.

Williams just needs to feel comfortable blocking after surgery for a dislocated right thumb, and Thompson said his injured ribs feel markedly better this week. Dunbar, who's dealing with nerve damage as part of a shin injury, feels "pretty close" but isn't sure if he'll make the problem worse.

ELLIOTT'S WORKLOAD

It just so happens that Elliott's season high in touches — 30 in a 22-19 win over Atlanta — came on the Cowboys' annual short week. In road wins over the NFC's past two Super Bowl participants in Philadelphia and Atlanta, Elliott had 55 touches (42 carries, 13 catches) for 388 yards from scrimmage and three touchdowns.

"If that's what it has to be then that's what it's going to be," said Elliott, who needs 91 yards rushing to overtake idle NFL rushing leader and MVP contender Todd Gurley. "I'm definitely not afraid of that."

BALANCING ACT

Part of the Redskins' challenge in helping McCoy succeed is getting Adrian Peterson going on the ground. Peterson had just 16 carries for 51 yards in the loss to Houston, but ran for two touchdowns and is looking forward to playing back in his home state of Texas. The pressure's on Peterson and the rest of Washington's running backs to produce in the running and passing games. The former Oklahoma standout had 99 yards in the earlier win over the Cowboys.

GALLUP BACK

Dallas rookie receiver Michael Gallup is expected to play after rejoining the team Wednesday. He stayed behind with his family after getting the news following the win over the Falcons that his brother died by suicide. "The situation's unique, the individual's unique, the circumstances," coach Jason Garrett said. "I do think for all of us as we go through challenging things, I do think getting back to routine and structure typically can help us." □



In this Sept. 10, 2018 file photo Cincinnati Reds relief pitcher Raisel Iglesias throws in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Cincinnati.

By JOE KAY
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — Reds closer Raisel Iglesias agreed Wednesday to a three-year contract guarantee-

ing \$24,125,000, a deal that avoided arbitration. Iglesias reached a \$27 million, seven-year agreement in 2014 that allowed him to void the remainder

Reds closer Iglesias agrees to \$24,125,000, 3-year deal

of the deal once he was eligible for salary arbitration. That agreement called for \$5 million salaries in each of the next two seasons. He made \$4.5 million this year, when he had a career-high 30 saves in 34 chances and a 2.38 ERA. Rather than having Iglesias eligible for arbitration each season, the Reds offered a restructured deal that gives both sides certainty. "If he does what we've seen him do over the next three years, there's all sorts of ways he can outperform these numbers," Reds presi-

dent of baseball operations Dick Williams said. "Obviously both sides are taking on some risk here, and both sides getting paid to take on some risk." The Reds are trying to emerge from a massive rebuild that's left them with three straight 90-loss seasons. Last year, they added setup men Jared Hughes and David Hernandez to the bullpen and got significant improvement. Their priority this offseason is to add a couple of veteran starters. They also hired David Bell

as their manager in the offseason. Williams said Bell and his staff are looking at different ways to use Iglesias, who isn't limited to a ninth-inning role like many other closers. Over the last three seasons, Iglesias has 24 saves of more than one inning, the most in the majors. "He's appeared in crucial situations in the middle of games," Williams said. "Obviously he's done it as well as anybody at the end of the game. "We want to be able to maximize the value of Iglesias." □

Esports integrity chief concerned about Fortnite gambling

By JAKE SEINER
AP Sports Writer

The commissioner of the Esports Integrity Coalition says skill-based betting on battle royale games like Fortnite and PlayerUnknown's Battleground could be vulnerable to cheating.

Esports gambling website Unikrn announced plans last month to bring legal skill-based betting to the U.S., allowing players to wager on themselves. Users would link their game to the Unikrn platform, and Unikrn will generate odds for the player based on his or her profile within the game.

ESIC Commissioner Ian Smith says such wagering is likely to be popular, but he's concerned the industry is not yet prepared to govern it. In particular, he's skeptical operators like Unikrn have the ability to ensure the skill ratings of the bettor match the abilities of the person manning the controls.

For instance, what would stop a player from placing a Fortnite bet using his or her account, then handing the controller over to a more talented friend? Or, what would prevent talented players from hustling the system by nuking their game profile before placing a series of big bets?

"I'm not certain that the tools exist yet that would properly identify the person playing the game is the same person who normally ran that account," Smith told The Associated Press.

Unikrn, a betting partner of the ESIC, believes its Connekt platform can prevent such fraudulent betting.

"We have thousands of players playing thousands of matches which we use to understand the competitive ecosystem of a game and the players themselves," Unikrn CEO Rahul Sood said in a statement to the AP. "We pride ourselves on giving users the best experience, which we can only do with a personal knowledge of how they enjoy gaming. That same personal knowledge is key to ensuring integrity in all wagering elements of our platform."



In this March 31, 2017, file photo, video game players compete against one another in an esports tournament at Caesars casino in Atlantic City, N.J.

The risk that cheating may go unnoticed is higher in battle royales than in other competitive video games. Battle royales are last-man-standing clashes between many competitors — Fortnite and PUBG host up to 100 players per game — and have more volatile outcomes than multiplayer games like League of Legends or Overwatch.

Publishers and operators can use algorithms to flag unusual performances in games like League of Legends because those games are complex and luck is not a factor.

"Just like we're able to flag suspicious activity from an esportsbook customer, we get a deep understanding of our players by the data in their games," Unikrn chief product officer Karl Flores said in a statement to the AP. "Basic elements, such as checking for suspicious IP address changes, and more complex game information are together used to build player models and create gamer fingerprints."

Data from games like Fortnite or PUBG may be less reliable, though, because battle royales have less predictable outcomes. It's not unusual for a talented player to be eliminated in the early moments of a Fortnite match, or for less experienced players to luck into a high finish.

"The battle royale games pose particular problems because they don't actually lend themselves to traditional esports formats, and therefore to traditional betting formats," Smith said.

The volatility is also an issue for odds-based betting on Fortnite or PUBG. Traditional sports books have successfully featured odds for major events in games like League of Legends, DOTA and Counter-Strike for years in Asia and Europe. Unikrn hopes to widen the breadth of wagers available, capitalizing on the fact that most esports lend themselves well to prop bets and in-game wagering.

Battle royales are an exception, because gamblers can essentially only bet on the final outcome.

"The betting on tournament play is evolving slowly and nobody's making much money out of it," Smith said. "Everybody's interested, obviously ... but offering interesting and good markets is very, very difficult at this stage."

Smith believes illegal esports betting in the U.S. is at least a \$1 billion industry, much of it going to offshore books or the dark web. Unikrn is working to bring legal esports odds betting to most of the U.S., but skill-based betting is already legal in 41 states.

Peer to peer betting is still in its infancy, and Smith believes the next step is convincing potential bettors they'll get a fair shake on such wagers.

"If people feel they're getting ripped off by boosters and smurfers and guys who play well above their rating in terms of a match-making system, they're simply go-

ing to stop doing it, aren't they?" Smith said. "There is a risk to the operator in that sense. What he really needs to do is provide a credible platform so that when you go on and play, you feel like you're playing against somebody of roughly your level and therefore there's a decent contest of skill involved."

If Unikrn or another operator can successfully create that platform, the payoff could be huge. Smith expects legitimate skill-based betting would be wildly popular.

"I think if they do that right, it'll be enormously profitable," Smith said. "Because there's so many people playing this game, and having something at stake beyond your pride is always attractive, whatever game you look at. From guys playing snooker or golf or any game, putting a bit of money on a handshake generally adds something to that situation, and I see no reason why that wouldn't be true of Fortnite." □

Associated Press



By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Here in Aruba, as in most modern societies, everyone knows someone who has diabetes. The World Health Organization estimates that by 2025, the number of people with diabetes will reach over 300 million—a staggering 122% increase in less than 30 years. Type 2 diabetes is an epidemic requiring global attention and urgent action. However, controlling your blood sugar levels and preventing diabetes type II can only be managed by you

As a medical anthropologist I know diabetes exhibits a strong ethnic preference: Native Americans, Hispanic-Latino Americans, and African-Americans show an increased prevalence compared to the non-Hispanic white population.

Misunderstood as a simple sugar imbalance that can be readily corrected through medical treatment; diabetes, in fact, it is a complex medical disorder. Our communities have fundamental genetic predisposition, made worse by our social, behavioral, dietary, and lifestyle factors. The disease has serious implications for vision, cardiovascular health, kidney and nerve functions. Its control and prevention largely depends on lifestyle issues, including diet, weight management, and physical exercise—a many-sided combination of factors that makes treatment complex and challenging

Pre-diabetes and diabetes management

Obesity is a symbol of type II diabetes. A tendency toward belly fat is associated with increased insulin resistance and contributes to its early onset. This may explain why 85% of children in Aruba who develop type II diabetes are overweight or obese at the time of diagnosis.

The preclinical stage (pre-diabetes) of type II diabetes is Metabolic Syndrome or Syndrome X. Metabolic syndrome is a collection of changes in your body that progress silently over a period of years. The critical change is increased resistance to insulin, the hormone that suppresses liver glucose output and removes excess glucose from the blood.

Your body is making the insulin, but the insulin is not available to your cells to convert glucose to energy. We know that virtually everyone who develops type II diabetes starts with insulin resistance. We also know that the risk of developing type II diabetes is highest among obese people who have an abnormal accumulation of fat. Determining insulin resistance is not so much by the amount of body fat as by where the fat is located. In fact, one of the best predictive markers for insulin resistance is excess body weight, in particular around the waist or hips.

In the change from being overweight to being obese, the liver becomes resistant to insulin and the hormone's ability to suppress liver glucose production. Under these conditions, the excess insulin turns the liver into a 'fat-producing factory' with all of its negative effects. Once established, these disturbances in fat metabolism are devastating to blood sugar balance and weight management. Acceleration of this negative cycle and the collapse of pancreatic insulin production change Metabolic Syndrome or Pre-Diabetes which can be controlled or slowed with lifestyle changes into the ever deteriorating health condition, Diabetes.

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Stocks move higher on Wall Street after 2 days of big losses

By MARLEY JAY
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks in the U.S. are higher Wednesday after two days of steep losses, and major European indexes are also recovering. Major technology companies including Apple and Microsoft are up after tumbling in the last few days. Crude oil prices are up about 4 percent after they sank to a one-year low a day earlier.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index gained 25 points, or 1 percent, to 2,667 as of 11:53 a.m. Eastern time. It's down 2.5 percent so far this week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 143 points, or 0.6 percent, to 24,608. The Nasdaq composite added 106 points, or 1.5 percent, to 7,015. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 28 points, or 2 percent, to 1,497.

Trading was light. U.S. markets will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday, and will be open for a half-day on Friday.

TECH TURNAROUND: Technology companies recovered



In this Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, file photo trader Michael Urkonis, left, works with specialists John McNierney, center, and Douglas Johnson on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

ed a sliver of their recent losses. Amazon rose 2.7 percent to \$1,536 and Facebook jumped 3.5 percent to \$137.05. Apple climbed 0.8 percent to \$178.32.

Apple's market value has dropped by almost \$260 billion since early October and Amazon has fallen by \$240 billion since early Sep-

tember. Their combined loss of almost \$500 billion is greater than the value of almost every other stock on the S&P 500.

Aside from Apple and Amazon, only Microsoft, Google's parent company Alphabet, and Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway are worth more than \$500

billion.

IF THE SHOE FITS: Retailer Foot Locker jumped 16.2 percent to \$53.56 after its third-quarter profit and revenue surpassed Wall Street's expectations. The company said sales

broke out of a slump and prices also rose. Foot Locker added that it expects strong sales over the holidays.

That contributed to a rebound for retailers after they dropped on Tuesday. Home improvement company Lowe's gained 2.6 percent to \$88.44 and Nike rose 1.9 percent to \$72.50. Elsewhere, design software maker Autodesk climbed 8.6 percent to \$133.68 after a strong quarterly report. The company also said it is buying construction software company PlanGrid for \$875 million.

ENERGY: Oil prices rebounded Wednesday as benchmark U.S. crude gained 3.8 percent to \$55.48 a barrel in New York. It fell 6.6 percent on Tuesday. Brent crude, the international standard traded in London, advanced 1 percent to \$63.16 a barrel. Exxon Mobil jumped 1.3 percent to \$77.98 and Chevron rose 1.9 percent to \$118.25. □

US home sales rise 1.4 percent, snap 6-month losing streak

By PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home sales rose in October, breaking a six-month losing streak. But sales are still down from a year ago, hurt by rising interest rates. The National Association of Realtors said Wednesday that sales of existing homes climbed 1.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.22 million last month from 5.15 million in September. But the October sales were still down 5.1 percent from a year earlier, the largest annual drop since July 2014. "No way is the housing market on solid ground at the moment," says Lawrence Yun, the association's chief economist. He blamed a sharp increase in mortgage rates over the past year. Mortgage giant Freddie Mac report-



In this Aug. 30, 2018, file photo sold placards top sale signs outside homes on the market in Denver.

Associated Press

ed Wednesday that the rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages was 4.81 percent, up from 3.92 percent a year ago. The Federal Reserve has raised short-term rates three times this year and is expected to raise them again in December and three times next year. Given sluggishness in the U.S. housing market, Yun

suggested that "maybe the federal reserve can take a little pause in their interest rate hikes." The median U.S. house price rose 3.8 percent from a year ago to \$255,400. The inventory of homes for sale was 1.85 million, down from September but up 2.8 percent from a year ago. □

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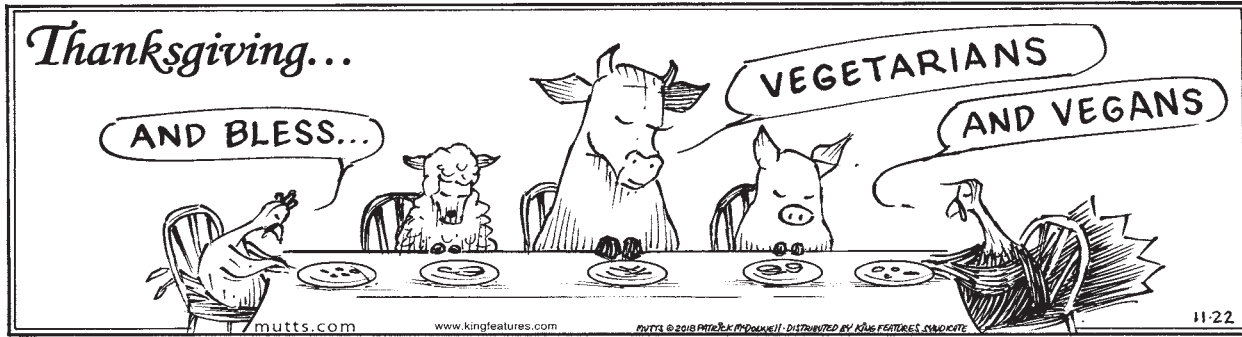
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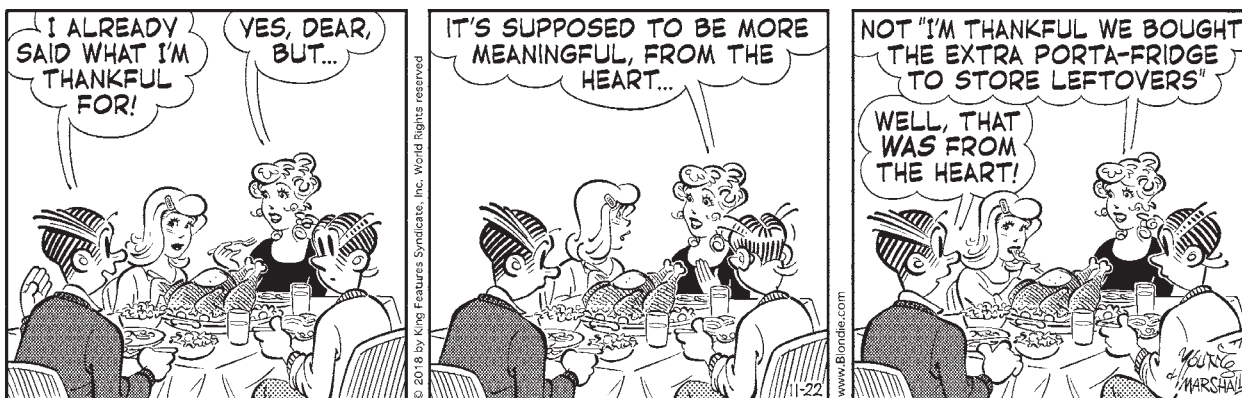
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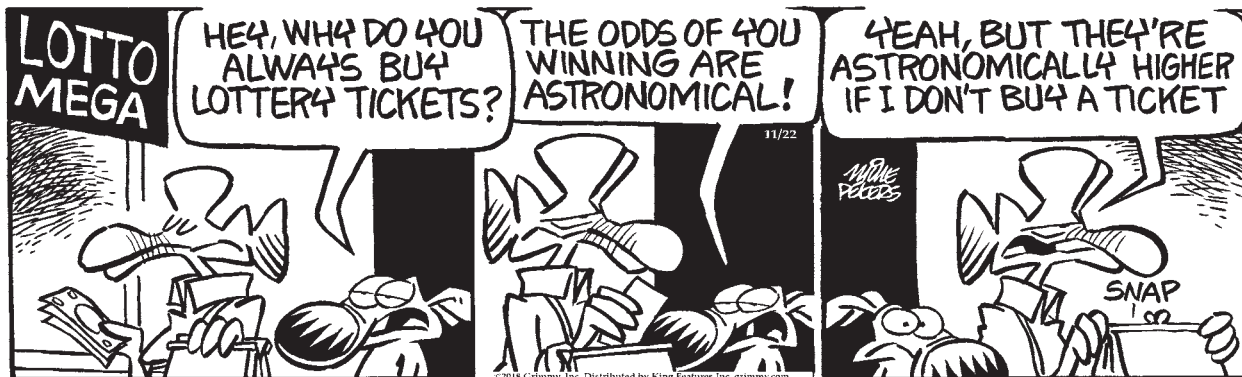
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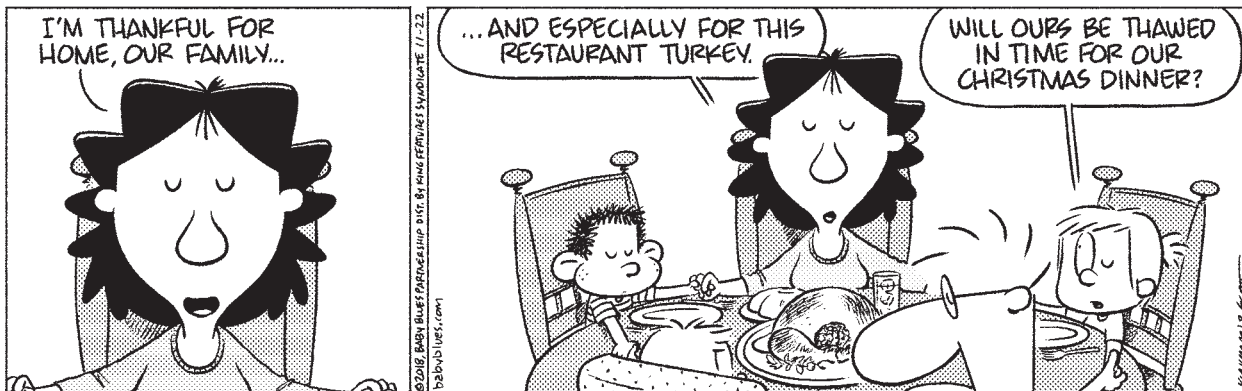
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Difficulty Level ★★★

11/22

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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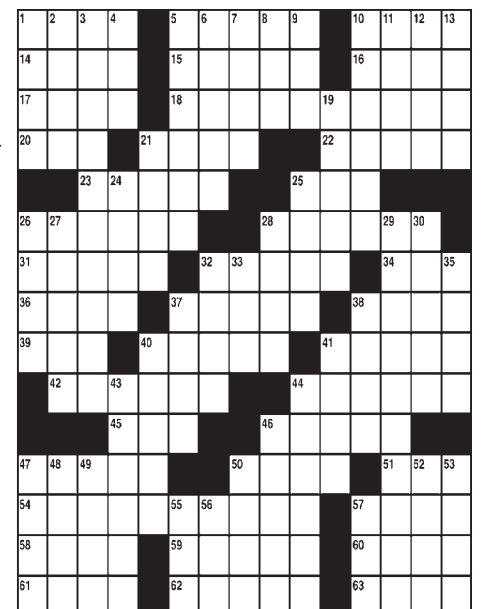
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6	1	2	4	9	8	7	5	3
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7	9	4	8	1	2	6	3	5
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ACROSS

- Wild feline
- VP Spiro
- Puncture
- Imitates
- Male duck
- Toothpaste holder
- Groups of whales
- Reliable
- Most common conjunction
- Word of mild disgust
- Actor Buddy
- Camel's smaller cousin
- Four qts.
- Coils of yarn
- Refreshes
- Beginning
- Bessie Smith's music
- Gore & Pacino
- Lowly laborer
- Stream
- Faucet problem
- Holiday entrée, perhaps
- Hairdo
- Sorority letter
- Dirty dealing
- Hate
- Scientist's workshop
- Wanderer
- Despise
- Children
- "Clear Day You Can See Forever"
- ads; newspaper section
- Range
- "A ___ of Two Cities"
- Tango or twist
- Thin
- Injection
- More peculiar
- Slips up

DOWN

- Dad
- "Once ___ a time..."
- Like a busybody
- Beast of burden
- "The ___ Family"; John Astin series
- Actress Garbo
- Siestas
- ___ out a living; get by
- Actress Ming-Na
- Unchanging
- Bathroom features
- Qualified
- I've ___ working on the railroad...
- Martin & McDermott
- ___ and rave; carry on
- Claim against property
- Nerd
- Tenth-grader, for short
- Bread recipe verb
- Regretted
- Twice-heated
- Diets successfully
- Unruly child
- Don Ho's neckwear
- Quarrel
- Baby's bed
- Facts & figures



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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	HOUND	RAG
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NOGS	VIRAL	LUSH
SHH	DINER	COTTA
ATTEND	WARREN	
	APE	FONDA
SPORTY	RED	LAG
LAUGHABLE	OLIVE	
OGRE	RAID	RATON
TEST	DADS	SYNE

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11/22/18

- Chicago team
- Jewels
- Walk-in ___; bedroom feature, perhaps
- Walk unsteadily
- Female relative
- ___ up; misbehaves
- Boring
- Ring of light
- Compassionate
- Not far from
- Curry and others
- Wedding vow
- Current craze
- Vaudevilian Olsen



In this Sunday, May 1, 2016 file photo, former circus lions walk inside an enclosure at Emoya Big Cat Sanctuary in Vaalwater, South Africa, after 33 rescued lions from various circuses in Peru and Colombia were relocated to live out the rest of their lives in the private sanctuary.

Associated Press

South American circus lions still unsettled in South Africa

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press
JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

The rescue of 33 lions from South American circuses and their 2016 transfer to a South African refuge was billed as a compassionate gesture, a return "home" after years of abuse and living in cages. Things didn't turn out as planned. Animal Defenders International, a group that airlifted the lions to South Africa, has secured a court order allowing the removal of 27 surviving lions from the Emoya Big Cat Sanctuary in Vaalwater. The two organizations had collaborated on the project, but disputes over alleged mismanagement at the sanctuary soon arose and six lions have died since arriving there. "ADI believes that if we leave our rescued lions at

Emoya, they will die before their time," Animal Defenders International said Thursday. "We will move the animals as soon as possible and in accordance with the court order."

The group said it was acting after the "preventable deaths" of five lions, including from food poisoning and poaching, and that it was denied immediate access to another lion that died. Animal Defenders International cited "other problems including misappropriation of funds, materials for the lions and associations with trophy hunters and more." Emoya has denied allegations of wrongdoing and said the South African court ruling against it is based solely on a 90-day termination clause in its contract with Animal Defenders International. □



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Mars landing comes down to final 6 minutes of 6-month trip

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — It all comes down to the final six minutes of a six-month journey to Mars. NASA's InSight spacecraft will enter the Martian atmosphere at supersonic speed, then hit the brakes to get to a soft, safe landing on the alien red plains. After micromanaging every step of the way, flight controllers will be powerless over what happens at the end of the road Monday, nearly 100 million miles (160 million kilometers) away. The communication lag between Mars and Earth is eight minutes.

"By the time we hear anything, the whole thing is already done," said project manager Tom Hoffman of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "Either it happened or it hasn't happened."

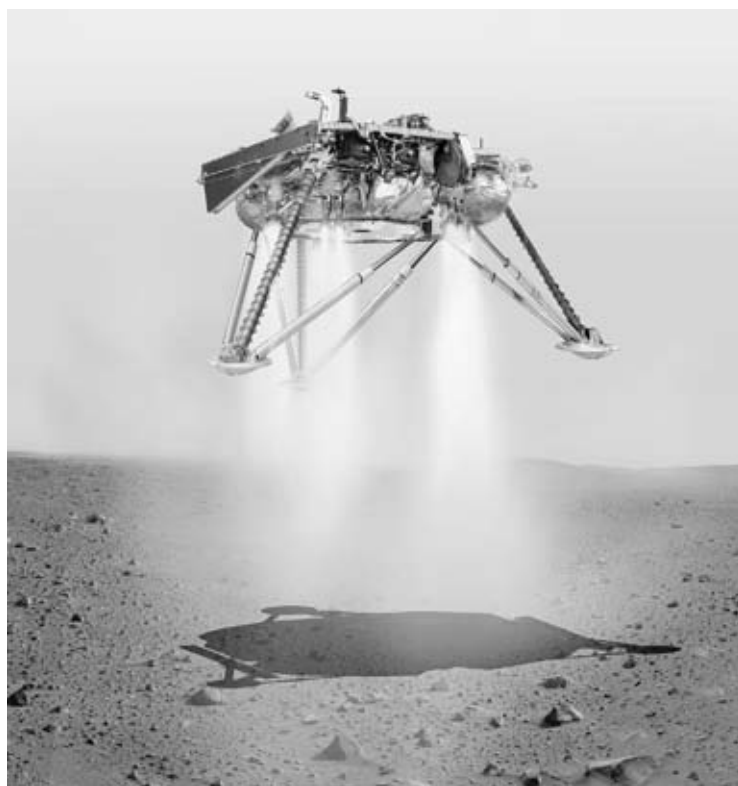
Any small last-minute adjustments must be completed 1 1/2 hours before touchdown, said Rob Grover, lead engineer for the landing team.

"All of our efforts to make sure we're successful all happen in the years before," he explained.

A brief rundown of InSight's do-or-die entry, descent and landing:

SIX MINUTES BEFORE TOUCHDOWN

InSight will come in like a 12,300-mph (19,800-kph) arrow, piercing the top of the Martian atmosphere about 77 miles (114 kilometers) above the surface. Engineers are shooting for a 12-degree angle of attack, almost parallel to the ground. Too steep, the spacecraft could burn up. Too shallow, it could bounce back into space. Atmospheric friction slows the spacecraft, but builds



This illustration made available by NASA in October 2016 shows an illustration of NASA's InSight lander about to land on the surface of Mars. NASA's InSight spacecraft will enter the Martian atmosphere at supersonic speed, then hit the brakes to get to a soft, safe landing on the alien red plains.

Associated Press

up heat. Its heat shield is made to withstand the 2,700 degrees Fahrenheit (1,500 degrees Celsius). Once InSight is down to seven miles (11 kilometers), its parachute opens at a breakneck 860 mph (1,400 kph).

THREE MINUTES

Shortly after the white nylon chute opens with a yank, InSight ditches its heat shield and unfolds its three legs. After two minutes of descending under the parachute, the spacecraft, still supersonic, starts using radar to determine speed and altitude, from about 1 1/2 miles (2 1/2 kilometers) up. Less than a minute remains until touchdown. With its speed now down to 134 mph (215 kph), the lander dumps its back shell and parachute. It is less than a mile (one kilometer) above the ground.

kph), at an altitude of 164 feet (50 meters)

FIFTEEN SECONDS

Now in so-called constant velocity mode, InSight is aiming for a 5 mph (8 kph) touchdown in a plain near the equator called Elysium Planitia. There it will dig deep for heat measurements and scope out marsquakes over a full Martian year, or two Earth years. NASA picked this spot because it should be relatively flat and free of big rocks that could hamper science operations. Parking near the equator provides optimal sunlight for solar energy. "It's a very safe place to land," Grover said at a press conference Wednesday.

TOUCHDOWN!

It will be around 2 p.m., Mars time, when InSight lands. That's 3 p.m. on the U.S. East Coast and noon for the JPL flight controllers in Pasadena, California. NASA estimates temperatures could be in the teens or even single digits Fahrenheit (well below zero Celsius). Overnight lows could reach minus 140 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 96 degrees Celsius.) It's wintertime on Mars. "Probably don't need an umbrella, but you may need a coat and definitely recommend

a spacesuit, too, if you're there at the landing site," Grover joked to reporters while describing the bone-dry Martian plain.

HELLO? HELLO?

Since departing Earth in May, InSight has been shadowed by WALL-E and EVE, the first CubeSats to venture into deep space. The briefcase-size satellites named after the characters in the 2008 animated movie will pass within a few thousand miles (kilometers) of Mars, as InSight lands. NASA hopes one or both relay InSight's radio signals. If the experiment succeeds, flight controllers may be able to follow InSight's descent and landing, although with a lag of more than eight minutes at best. Otherwise, news will trickle in from NASA's Mars orbiters.

SAY CHEESE:

InSight's first job, just several minutes after landing, is to take a picture. Ground controllers want to see what they're up against. Big rocks or a hillside could interfere with the stationary lander's geology experiments. Once the red dust settles about 16 minutes after touchdown, the lander will spread its solar panels and settle in for its first long winter's nap at Mars. □

Simulator helps experts understand how whales get entangled

By **WILLIAM J. KOLE**

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A new simulator is letting scientists use a joystick to swim a virtual whale across a video screen. But this is no game — it's a serious attempt to better understand how the giant mammals become entangled in fishing lines.

Tim Werner, a senior scientist at the New England Aquarium's Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life, hopes the technology will lead to safer fishing gear designs and help critically endangered North Atlantic right

whales avoid the looming threat of extinction.

"If we can see how they get entangled, it would help us prevent it. The technology in computers has evolved to a state where we can model these things," he said.

More than eight in 10 critically endangered right whales become ensnared by fishing lines, and nearly six in 10 are entangled more than once.

Entanglements are a leading cause of right whale deaths. Experts estimate there are no more than 440 animals left on

the planet, and the species' future is bleak because of heavy mortality and poor reproduction in recent years.

Werner says the video simulation has helped his team better understand how whales unwittingly — and often lethally — wrap themselves in the fishing buoy lines that hang vertically in the ocean.

Marine biologists say entangled whales often can't feed, and the stress weakens them and makes females less likely to birth calves. This past season, not a single new birth was discovered. □



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'Dancing With the Stars' no longer hopping for ABC

By **DAVID BAUDER**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The dance floor is thinning over at ABC.

The Nielsen company says viewership is down for ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" franchise, which concluded its fall season on Monday with country radio host Bobby Bones beating Disney star Milo Manheim, actress Evanna Lynch and model Alexis Ren.

Each episode averaged 8.2 million viewers the night that it aired and during the week afterward, down 22 percent from last year's average of 10.4 million, Nielsen said.

The show was once a routine top 10 performer for ABC, but last week's semifinals finished out of the top 20. A figure for Monday's finale was not immediately available.

In better news for ABC, the Rosanne Barr-less sitcom "The Conners" has turned into a solid prime-time performer.

Its ratings don't measure up to last year's "Roseanne" revival, but last week's episode was the third most-watched comedy on tele-



This image released by ABC shows, from left, judges Carrie Ann Inaba, Len Goodman and Bruno Tonioli, appear with host Tom Bergeron and Evanna Lynch and Keo Motsepe from the dance competition series "Dancing with the Stars," in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

vision, behind CBS' "The Big Bang Theory" and its spinoff, "Young Sheldon." Among the 18-to-49-year-old audience that ABC watches most closely, "The Conners" ranked No. 15 last week, Nielsen said. Only "Grey's Anatomy" and the annual CMA awards had more young viewers on ABC last week, Nielsen said.

For the second straight week, talk show host Alec Baldwin was pre-empted, this time replaced by "Shark Tank" reruns. ABC has said the show will switch from Sunday to Saturday night — often the television version of one step closer to cancellation.

With two of the NFL's best teams providing an offensive feast, ESPN said the

"Monday Night Football" game between the L.A. Rams and Kansas City had the best preliminary ratings for that football franchise since 2014.

Locked in a tight battle for supremacy with CBS this season, NBC averaged 7.1 million viewers last week to 6.8 million for CBS. Fox had 6 million, ABC had 5.3 million viewers, Univision had

1.6 million, ION Television had 1.2 million, Telemundo had 1.1 million and the CW averaged 1 million.

ESPN was the week's most popular cable network, averaging 2.36 million viewers in prime time. Fox News Channel averaged 2.24 million, Hallmark had 2.19 million, MSNBC had 1.8 million and USA had 1.21 million. ABC's "World News Tonight" topped the evening newscasts with an average of 9.3 million viewers. NBC's "Nightly News" had 9 million and the "CBS Evening News" had 6.6 million.

For the week of Nov. 12-18, the top 10 shows, their networks and viewerships: NFL Football: Minnesota at Chicago, NBC, 18.84 million; NFL Football: Green Bay at Seattle, Fox, 16.89 million; "Sunday Night NFL Pre-Kick," NBC, 13.32 million; "The Big Bang Theory," CBS, 12.56 million; "NCIS," CBS, 12.47 million; "Young Sheldon," CBS, 10.78 million; NFL Football: N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, ESPN, 10.65 million; "60 Minutes," CBS, 10.29 million; "CMA Awards," ABC, 10.11 million; "Thursday Night NFL Pre-Kick," Fox, 9.46 million. □

In 'Creed II,' Dolph Lundgren is happy he has better lines

By **JOHN CARUCCI**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Being cast as the villain Soviet boxer Ivan Drago in "Rocky IV" launched Dolph Lundgren's acting career. But he had a brainier path if that didn't work out.

The 61-year old actor holds a master's degree in chemical engineering and was on a Fulbright scholarship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology when Stallone cast him as Drago for the 1985 "Rocky" sequel.

Lundgren doesn't regret trading academia for those red boxing trunks with the gold stripes, though he wishes his character had a few more coherent lines.

"It felt really surreal, and, at the same time, it felt like a big moment for me in my career as a person,



In this Nov. 14, 2018 file photo, Dolph Lundgren attends the world premiere of "Creed II" in New York.

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because that character started my whole career and it's been a great thing for me. But it's also kind of been a negative in one way because the guy was such a monosyllabic guy," Lundgren said. "He was a robot."

This month, Lundgren reprises the role of Drago in "Creed II," as much a sequel to the previous film as it is to "Rocky IV." Lundgren remains grateful to Stallone, not only for casting him in the first place, but for bringing him back in a heartier,

more substantial role.

"I got a chance to play a guy who was a real person and who has real problems, especially a father-son relationship. When I see father-son relationships in movies, it always gets me emotional. And I had a chance to be part of that," Lundgren said.

Back in "Rocky IV," Drago kills Apollo Creed in the ring, only to lose to Rocky Balboa. But he loses much more than a match.

In "Creed II," we learn he is living in squalor after the embarrassing loss. He is raising his son Viktor, played by Florian Munteanu, to be a boxer and is seeking revenge on Rocky by getting his son to fight the son of the man he killed.

Munteanu said he felt a bond with Lundgren. "It's an honor to play his son,"

he said. "He wanted to create a father-son relationship right from the beginning."

Lundgren had a unique trajectory that led him to the big screen. He was an engineering student in Melbourne, Australia, when he met actress Grace Jones. While dating, she took him to New York and introduced to him people like Andy Warhol and Michael Jackson. It didn't hurt that he was a karate champion when Stallone discovered him.

Since then, he's had a busy action-movie career, which includes "The Expendables" trilogy, portraying He-Man in "Masters of the Universe," and the upcoming "Aquaman." Still, he admits to soul searching when it came to his career path. □

Netflix docu-series 'Dogs' lovingly serves up the human bond

By **LEANNE ITALIE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — In these heated and oft-difficult times, do we need dogs more than ever?

Do we need to rescue them, let them run free, accept their precious help with our most trying physical challenges and revel in their licks and loving nudges?

Filmmakers Glen Zipper and Amy Berg think absolutely yes. They worked together on the new Netflix Original docu-series "Dogs," which dropped last week.

"We're in undeniably divisive times right now. We're all searching for something that everyone can agree on and dogs are probably about as close to that as we get," said Zipper, who executive produced the six-part project with Berg.

"My brother and I are on completely opposite sides of the political spectrum," he explained, "but he's got five dogs and I've got my dog, Anthony. We start talking about the dogs and start feeling the love again."The series is set



This image released by Netflix shows a scene from the documentary "Dogs," streaming Friday, on Netflix.

around the globe, from suburban Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Lower East of Manhattan to Italy's Lake Como region and the dangerous streets of Damascus in Syria. There are human heroes, to be sure, but it's the howl of Zeus and the watchful diligence of Ice, the commitment of curly-haired Rory and the undying loyalty of Max that drive these stories. The dogs themselves take

you to the brink, serving to inspire and uniquely frame the nearly hour-long chunks of storytelling set in locations and around circumstances chosen with the help of a casting team, said Berg.

"We wanted to illustrate the connection between all cultures with dogs and humans, and the dog-human love story," Berg said. There's plenty of love, and

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none of something in particular that's more often than not a standard in dog film fare through time: death. I repeat. NOBODY DIES. To heck with spoilers. No dog protagonists and no humans, either. That isn't to say that tears won't be shed, including by you if you're truly human, and that people and dogs aren't in danger or sick or depressed.

Berg directed two of the episodes, including one focused on Zeus, a Siberian husky with the mournful cry of the breed. He's trapped in Syria after his master flees military service to Germany and that's where their story begins. She was also at the helm of an episode that follows a devoted Manhattan animal rescuer on a mission to provide second chances to 31 dogs from a Texas shelter, finding them homes around her city. The dogs have the names of famous singers: Jimmy Buffett, Jay Z and Justin Timberlake, to name a few.

The other episodes were directed by a variety of award-winning filmmakers, including one that uses drone footage to show us from above what it looks like to watch hundreds of former street dogs race happily along lush green hillsides at a 300-acre sanctuary in Costa Rica, and the financial struggles involved to provide them better lives. Another episode takes us into the world of competitive dog groomolunteering at an animal shelter. □

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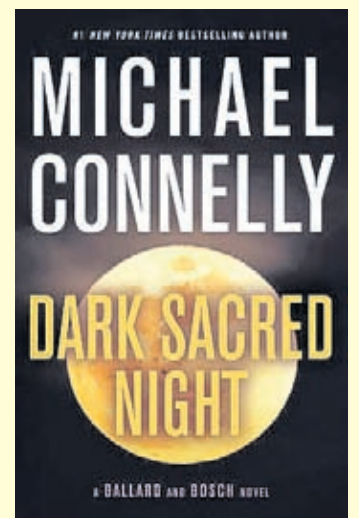
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Bosch reluctantly takes on a partner in 'Dark Sacred

By **JEFF AYERS**
Associated Press

"Dark Sacred Night" (Little, Brown and Co.), by Michael ConnellyLos Angeles Police Department detective Renee Ballard was introduced in Michael Connelly's popular "The Late Show." She was given the graveyard shift after reporting her former partner for harassment, and she doesn't let the poor assignment distract her from her duty.One late evening she sees someone going through old file cabinets and confronts him. He tells her his name is Harry Bosch and he's working on a particular cold case he wants to solve involving the murder of a 15-year-old runaway. Even though he's retired from the LAPD, he's working for the San Fernando police department as a reserve officer

tackling unsolved crimes. After Bosch tells Ballard the details, she informs Bosch that he needs to leave since they could both get into trouble. After he leaves, she realizes her curiosity has been piqued and now she wants to uncover the girl's killer as well.Ballard offers to assist in the investigation and even helps take off hours to go through old notes written by the officers who originally tried to solve the murder. She and Bosch soon become hesitant partners. They will have to work together to build trust, but obstacles in both the cold case and current investigations will quickly put their relationship to the test.Readers know that when they pick up a Michael Connelly novel they will get a compelling and well-written dive into the



This cover image released by Little, Brown and Company shows "Dark Sacred Night" by Michael Connelly.

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world of crime and law enforcement. The cases that Ballard and Bosch tackle would be enough to recommend this story, but what makes Connelly so much better than most crime fiction writers is that his police detectives are human and real. The combination is quality. □

Q&A: Steve Martin, Martin Short on friendship and a new tour

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Steve Martin and Martin Short are back on the road again for their new tour "Now You See Them, Soon You Won't."

The two comedy legends spoke to The Associated Press recently about the tour, which kicks off its 2019 leg on Jan. 12 in Atlanta, their friendship and when they knew that roasting each other was OK.

Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: Is "Now You See Them, Soon You Won't" mostly new material?

Martin: A lot of it is. It's very hard for us to judge what is new because a lot of it is new but it's in the same framework. What we tried to do is salvage or keep what we suspected the audience wanted to see again, but we try to replace lines and do it a little different. But if somebody saw the show, they'd say 'that's mostly a new show!'

AP: What is your process for determining what to cut and add?

Martin: It's really tri...well, I should let Marty talk.

Short: Go ahead, Steve, I'm just doing something else.

Martin: OK. It's trial and error. We work with writers, we work on our own and we put things in, we take things out, and every night after the show we walk off stage and we go, 'What should we do, how should we fix that, should we move that line up to the front?'

AP: Do you allow for spontaneous moments?

Short: You absolutely allow. What a set show gives you is the confidence to go out because you know you're prepared, and you have lots of great material, but then you go out there and you're so loose that other things happen and sometimes they're the most delightful.

Martin: You are fantastic. I'm going to let you speak all the time now because you just nailed that beautifully.

Short: I did. And remember that the difference between my voice and yours



In this June 8, 2017 file photo, Steve Martin, left, and Martin Short appear at the 45th AFI Life Achievement Award Tribute to Diane Keaton in Los Angeles.

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is that with one voice you have this kind of groan.

AP: I do always worry that somehow the voices will blend when you go to transcribe.

Short: They won't. One won't even come out.

Martin: Well, let's put it this way, you'll be able to tell which mine is because I speak grammatically.

Short: But, for some odd reason, you'll find yourself dozing off for no reason and you'll realize the connection.

AP: Do you use one another as a test audience?

Martin: Well, I think each other is our first test audience. And then I tend to just try out material on my wife and on my dog and on the band. And finally on the audience, who, of course, has the ultimate say. When I first started out people would say, 'You have a great sense of humor.' And I would say, really, the audience has the great sense of humor.

AP: When did you figure it was OK to roast each other like this?

Martin: Day one.

Short: It's very natural for people in comedy to do it. I think it's very natural for friends, close friends to do it. And we probably started doing it playing scrabble in the trailer while making 'Three Amigos.'

Martin: The first day we met, Marty zinged me. He came to my house to pick up the script to 'Three Amigos' and he saw all of the paintings and he said, 'How did you get this rich? I've seen the work.'

Short: And I was looking for the script for 'Three Amigos' and Steve handed it to me and said, 'Can you give this to Martin Short, please?'

AP: You said the previous tour was not a nostalgia tour. Is that still true and why was that important to specify?

Short: Well, because it wasn't a nostalgia tour. A

nostalgia tour would be if I came out as Ed Grimley and we did the 'Wheel of Fortune' sketch and hope that that would get some nostalgia applause. If a singer comes out and sings all old hits, then that is a nostalgia tour and there's nothing wrong with that and that's great and that's what I'd rather see.

Martin: I think a nostalgia tour implies that you'll come out and say, 'You know, ladies and gentlemen, when I first started, I did a little movie called "The Jerk."' And then you stand there and wait for applause.

Short: And I'd love that show.

AP: Will there still be singing and banjo playing in this go-around?

Martin: Absolutely. We describe the show as a lot of comedy and a little bit of music.

AP: It is incredible that singing and the banjo are 'side talents' for you two.

Martin: You know, Marty would never do this, but he could make a serious album and I would listen to it all the time. I find his voice so beautiful.

Pitch perfect. Beautiful tone. He sings 'Send in the Clowns' in the show and it's just gorgeous.

Short: Well, thank you. And I of course have all Steve's albums and I one day plan to listen to them.

AP: Was there a moment when you realized this was more than a showbiz friendship?

Martin: Yeah, I would say very early on. We persevered. When you finish doing a movie, mostly everyone drifts away from each other. We just went and had dinners and saw each other.

Short: I think you make that choice. You have to be conscientious and say, you know what? I don't want to lose that person.

Martin: We also ended up vacationing together with our families.

Two weeks on an island, you'll know if you like that person or not, you know? I'm talking about our wives.

AP: Is there anything else you want people to know about the show?

Martin: Our goal, and sometimes we achieve it, I think, maybe I'm a little arrogant, but we want it to be one of the best shows the audience ever saw.

We want to give the audience their money's worth and really make them laugh and make them really have a good time and leave that theater feeling better than they did when they came in.

Short: Totally agree. And you don't always achieve it, but it's awfully fun to have a goal.

Martin: How could I possibly achieve it with you next to me? □



Death of young Thai kickboxer brings focus on dangers

By **KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA**
Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — The sight of two preteen boys pummeling each other with fists, elbows, knees and feet as a boisterous crowd shouts wagers at each other is considered good, clean sport in Thailand.

However, the death earlier this month of a 13-year-old Muay Thai contender may push forward changes to protect other youngsters in Thai kickboxing.

Anucha Tasako died of a brain hemorrhage two days after he was knocked out in a bout on Nov. 10, his 174th match in a career that began at age 8.

His death was a fluke, said some of the sport's boosters. They said that the referee did not stop the fight soon enough, and that no doctor was available.

But even those boys who can carry on fighting are almost guaranteed serious long-term health damage, according to a new report by a Thai doctor.

Thai lawmakers recently suggested barring children younger than 12 from competitive boxing, but boxing enthusiasts strongly oppose the change. They say the sport is part of Thai culture and gives poor families the opportunity to raise a champion that will lift their economic circumstances.

Anucha was born in the poor northeastern province of Kalasin and raised by his grandparents since his parents split up when he was 3. Anucha was already becoming his family's breadwinner when his uncle, a physical education teacher and boxing trainer, brought him to the Bangkok suburb of Samut Prakarn around a year ago to pursue a big-time boxing career.

Anucha's days started at 4:30 a.m. with a run and light training at the boxing gym. He attended school from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. before heading back to the gym for more training until 8 p.m. Bedtime was 10 p.m. Tapakorn Takimnok, 15, a fellow boxer and a friend of Anucha, said he woke up



In this Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, photo, Thai boxers perform their traditional dance showing respect at the coffin of 13-year-old Thai kickboxer Anucha Tasako during his funeral services in Samut Prakan province, Thailand.

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the younger boy every day and never once heard him complain.

"He'd spring right out of bed every time I woke him up," said Tapakorn. "He always trained hard and kept any emotions to himself."

Anucha could occasionally earn as much as 10,000 to 40,000 baht (\$300 to \$1,200) for each fight he won, which he would give to his grandparents, siblings and uncles, Tapakorn said, adding that Anucha earned more than other

young fighters because he fought often and was considered a gifted boxer. Young amateur boxers typically earn around 500 to 1,000 baht (\$15 to 30) a fight.

"I told him to stop boxing," said Anucha's 75-year-old grandmother, Subin Tasako. "He told me: Grandma, what else can I do? I'm young and I can't work. If I stop boxing, how would I earn money to pay for school or support you? That's what he said." Subin

said she didn't know how to respond.

Footage of Anucha's fatal fight, posted online by Thai media outlets, show him briefly stumbling to the floor after taking a knee to his leg from his opponent. He picks himself back up, and the referee promptly allows the fight to resume, but Anucha appears to have had the fight knocked out of him.

Moments later, he is staggering and defenseless against the ropes, as his op-

ponent lands at least four hard punches to Anucha's head, leaving him dazed, and perhaps even unconscious before he hits the floor and bangs his head hard on the mat.

Dr. Witaya Sungkarat, a doctor from Ramathibodi Hospital in Bangkok, spent five years conducting a study published last month that compared brain development between young boxers and children not involved with the sport.

The study's results clearly show that boxing causes irreparable damage to a young child's developing brain, he said, adding that the longer each participant had boxed, the worse their condition became.

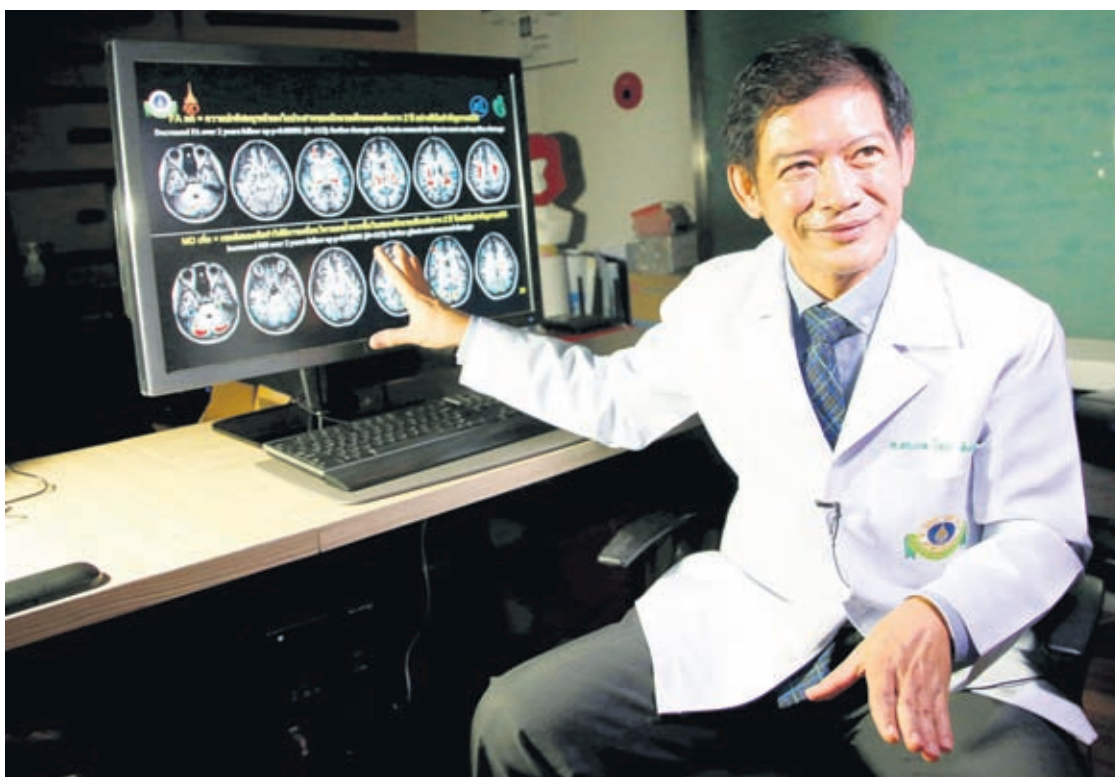
"If we keep letting children box and injure their brains without implementing measures to protect them, their futures are predictable," Witaya said.

Witaya understands part of the sport's appeal. "People like to watch children box because they don't lose on purpose and they genuinely fight each other," he said, referring to the common perception that many professional boxing matches are fixed to accommodate bookies.

But Anucha's case, he said, shows how inadequate oversight in the Thai boxing industry had led young boxers to be overworked.

"It's the system that abused him. The system allowed him to fight this much and this often at such a young age," Witaya said. "There's a loophole in the system that allowed him to become a professional fighter without any preventive measures." Witaya referenced a provision allowing children to be paid "rewards" rather than being paid compensation for work.

And while professional Muay Thai titles are only open to competitors age 15 or older and two major Bangkok stadiums have weight minimums, children can fight in unofficial matches outside the World Muay Thai Council supervision with a guardian's permission. □



In this Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, photo, Dr. Witaya Sungkarat, Ramathibodi Hospital, explains brain scans from young boxers.

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